

# TOWN GRANTHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ❧ 1996 ANNUAL REPORT ❧



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**TOWN <sup>OF</sup>  
GRANTHAM  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TOGETHER WITH  
THE REPORT <sup>OF THE</sup>  
SCHOOL BOARD**

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FOR THE YEAR 1996**



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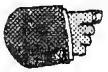
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## DEDICATION



*"Try not to become a Success, but rather a man of value"* — Albert Einstein



**W**e dedicate the Grantham 1996 Annual Town Report to Bob Guyette, and here reprint the application the Select Board sent to the New Hampshire Municipal Association, which resulted in Grantham proudly adding yet another Volunteer of the Year recognition to the Town archives.

A "man of value" closely describes our candidate, Robert Guyette, for your consideration for the Municipal Volunteer Awards.

Bob Guyette is a quiet workhorse who lends his energies in many directions. His history of "value" began when he chaired the Town's School Building Committee in 1981; the success of the committee culminating with the construction of the new school in 1983. Bob's greatest challenge came in 1982 with his election to Selectman. His steerage and guidance successfully saw the town close its landfill, be one of the first in the State with the concept and construction of a Transfer Station, hired the town's first Administrator, and actively participated as a data collector for the town's 1985 revaluation. His measured building footprints are still used due to their accuracy!

Bob has lent his accounting background as Treasurer to the Grantham Fire Department since 1982, as Trustee of the Trust Funds from 1987 to 1996, bringing all funds under that modern miracle — the computer spreadsheet.

Bob Guyette receives a NHMA Volunteer Award in Manchester during the November Annual Luncheon, a statewide gathering. Presenter is David Caron of Gilford, and a NHMA Executive Board member.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

In the mid-'80s Bob was also the School auditor for two years.

In recent years, Bob has actively been involved in modernizing the Town Library, especially in evolving the computerization of the same; in fact you can often see him busily entering data.

Aside from his municipal activities, Bob is Treasurer of his local church, and has served on the Executive Board in the past. He is an avid craft woodworker who donates his "wares" for the local fund-raising for the church. He volunteers for the "tax time" services for the local branch of AARP (as well as a volunteer track official for Dartmouth College. Bob is also Treasurer for the American Cancer Society Sullivan County Golf Tournament. This particular committee was recognized by the Governor in 1991 for their fund-raising capabilities.

Bob is that rare mixture of value and integrity. His hours of volunteering in active good works for town and community have never been measured — his "value" cannot be cost accounted except to say that, yes, a lot of time has been given. His participation is part of his character which he lends to us frequently and for many uses — all we have to do is ask!

Respectfully submitted, Board of Selectmen  
Alden Pillsbury ❧ Chairman,  
Myron Cummings & William Hutchins



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# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE



## ANNUAL REPORT: 1996

### FOREWORD — OUR COVER STORY

BY DENISE BUCKMAN ✕ TEACHER, GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

Our Village School classroom of 3rd and 4th graders has been studying communities since school started in the Fall.

We learned that there are all types of communities. When visiting our school, maybe you saw some of the work we did when we were investigating these communities. We often posted our work in the school hall outside our classroom. Some of the communities we learned about are listed below:

- ✕ *Rural Communities* — Small ones like ours;
- ✕ *Urban Communities* — Ones in the city;
- ✕ *Suburban Communities* — The communities that surround a city; and
- ✕ *Metroplex* — The large complex of communities, including at least one major city and many suburban areas.

We went to Concord, New Hampshire, to see how government is run in our state and who in our communities helps run that government. We also went to the New Hampshire History Museum to find out about some of the earliest communities in our state.

Next, we learned about Grantham. We learned about what goods and services are provided here.



Mrs. Buckman's 3rd and 4th Grade Class: *Left to right, back row: Shawn Hastings, Max Shepherd, Sarah Conine, Nick Masterson, Danny Clark; Third row: Zack Camber, Meghan Daigle, Ashley Dobson, Ryan Dyke; Second row: Matt Ruby, Eric Covill, RaeAnn Michelson, Lana LaBelle; and Front row: Jesse Dupuis, Heather Stearns, Felicia Young, Amanda Wilson, and Jared Fisher. Absent are Fernando Rivera and Heidi Bowers.*

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

We learned about how Grantham has changed over the years. It was fun and interesting!

We wrote books about Grantham and an essay about what it's like to spend our childhood here. We worked as a whole class in small groups to make a mural of part of Grantham.

AND ... we made a quilt. Each of us did our own design. Some of the squares depict places in Grantham as they are today. We each chose our drawing, drafted it, designed it, and sewed the sashing on the end. Later, when the quilt was put together, we tied it. Then, we each wrote a brief description of our quilt square so that you could learn about Grantham, too!

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Throughout this Town Report, you will find the Community Essays written by Grantham's 3rd and 4th Grade research team. We have struggled to present them as written on the school computers, changing only selected type styles, not the creative use of our language. — L. Wells

# TOWN INFORMATION



## Selectmen's Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 863-6021/Fax: 863-8152

P.O. Box 276, Grantham, NH 03753-0276

## Road Agent Hours

Monday through Friday

Phone: 863-9156

## Town Clerk/Tax Collector Hours

Monday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 863-5608/P.O. Box 135

## Grantham Police Department

Phone: 863-6844 (non-emergency)

Fax: 863-8152/P.O. Box 704

## Dunbar Free Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday:

9 a.m. - 12 noon

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday:

9 a.m. - 12 noon

12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Phone: 863-2172/P.O. Box 1580

## Burning Permits: Fire Warden

Ken Barton, 863-2907

Mike Traegde, 863-4733

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

9-1-1

FIRE • POLICE

F.A.S.T. • AMBULANCE

## Eastman Community Association Office

Phone: 863-4240/P.O. Box 53

## Village District Eastman

Phone: 863-6512/P.O. Box 990

## Public Schools

Grantham Village School

Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Phone: 863-1681/P.O. Box 287

Lebanon Junior High School

Phone: 448-3056

75 Bank Street

Lebanon, NH 03766

Lebanon Senior High School

Phone: 448-2055

195 Hanover Street

Lebanon, NH 03766

SAU #32

Phone: 448-1634

P.O. Box 488

Lebanon, NH 03766

## TRANSFER & RECYCLING STATION

Winter Hours (Standard Time) ❧ Summer Hours (Daylight Savings)

Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

8 a.m. - noon\*\*

Wednesday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

10 a.m. - noon\*\*, 2 - 5 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - noon.

8 a.m. - noon

\*\*also Christmas  
through  
New Year's Day

METALS deposited only on Wednesday & Saturday, please.

# TOWN OFFICERS



<b>Moderator</b>	Merle Schotanus • 1998	<b>Historical Society</b>	Michele Daigle, President
<b>Selectmen</b>	William Hutchins • 1997		Allen Walker, Vice President
	Chick Pillsbury, Chair • 1997		Conrad Frey, Treasurer
	Myron Cummings • 1998		Geil Orcutt, Secretary
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	April Whittaker	<b>Town Archivist</b>	Lea Frey • 1999
<b>Bookkeeper/Secretary</b>	Sandra Palermo	<b>Hog Reeves</b>	Gary & Patricia Wells Bogue
<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	Frances L. Hastings • 1998	<b>Planning Board</b>	Carl Hanson, Chair • 1998
<b>Deputy</b>	Shirley Curtis		Allen Walker • 1999
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gina Hutchins • 1999		Richard DeNatale • 1998, & Tammy Wilson • 1998
<b>Cemetery Trustees</b>	Warren Kimball • 1999		Chick Pillsbury, Selectmen's Representative
	Christopher Covel • 1999	<b>Planning Board Alternates</b>	Hank Robinson • 1997 — Bob Weiss • 1998
	Dennis Howard • 1997		Tammi Wilson • 1998 — Michele Rosa • 1998
<b>Cemetery Sexton</b>	T. Edward Buckman	<b>Police Chief</b>	Russell E. Lary
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Carl Hanson, Chair • 1999	<b>Police Sergeant</b>	Jerry A. Whitney
	Jim Berg, V. Chair • 1997	<b>Special Police Officers</b>	Massad Ayoob
	Dave Frucht • 1997		Stewart Adams, Roger Bloomfield, Walter Madore,
	Mike Holdowsky • 1998		F. Robert Osgood, & F. Robert Schwartz
	Connie Howard, Secretary/Treasurer • 1998	<b>Recreation Department</b>	Jim Peirce, Director
<b>Conservation Commission Alternates</b>			Ellen Morey
	Stephen Hastings • 1999 — Dick Hayes • 1999	<b>Representatives to the General Court,</b>	
	Russell Keat • 1998 — Mike Simpson • 1998	<b>Grantham &amp; Springfield</b>	
	Jerry Ellsworth • 1999		Merle Schotanus • 1998, Grantham District 3
<b>Custodian</b>	T. Edward Buckman		Tom Behrens • 1996, Sunapee District 2
<b>Dunbar Free Library Trustees</b>	Charles Pearce • 1999		Richard Leone • 1998, Sunapee District 2
	Joyce Andrews • 1999	<b>Representatives to the UVLS Regional</b>	
	Ronald Shepherd • 1998	<b>Planning Council</b>	Ed Jenik • 1998
	Suzanne Lower • 1997	<b>Road Agent</b>	Joseph Newcomb
	James McClune • 1998	<b>School Board</b>	Shannon Hastings, Chair • 1998
<b>Librarian</b>	Allisen Heath		Terry Dorr • 1997
<b>Assistant Librarian</b>	B. Joey Holmes		Charles Rogers • 1999
<b>Friends of the Dunbar Free Library</b>			Shannon Hastings, Clerk • 1997
	Bobbie Travis, President • 1998		Carl Hanson, Moderator • 1997
	Marcia Clayton, Vice President	<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>	Allen Walker • 1997
	Conrad Frey, Treasurer		Lucia Ballantyne • 1998
	Joan Krumm, Secretary		Henry Barton • 2000
	Jean Simon	<b>Transfer Station Attendants</b>	Herm Burton
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Allen & Shirley MacNicol		Clyde Currier
<b>F.A.S.T. Squad</b>	Paula Glidden, President	<b>Trustees of Trust Funds</b>	Charles Pearce • 1999
	Eileen Sargent, Treasurer		Mike Simpson • 1998
	Mike Traegde, Coordinator		Connie Howard • 1997
	Robin Palermo, Assistant Coordinator		Ted Short • 1999
<b>Fire Chief</b>	Mike Traegde • 1997	<b>Welfare Official</b>	Board of Selectmen
<b>Deputy</b>	Jim Mutney	<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	
<b>Captain</b>	Mike Benoit		Lewis "Bud" Hennigar, Chair • 1998
<b>Lieutenants</b>	Bob Seavey (1)		Dick Mansfield • 1999
	Chris Palermo (2) & Doug Fountain (3)		Joe Bergin • 1999
	Bob Guyette		John Clayton • 1999
<b>Treasurer</b>	Robin Palermo		Wilfred Hastings • 1997
<b>Secretary</b>		<b>ZBA Alternates</b>	Barbara Roll • 1997
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Mike Traegde, Director		Carol Sturgis • 1998, Conrad Frey • 1998
<b>Fire Warden</b>	Kenneth O. Barton		Kathie Hale • 1999
<b>Deputies</b>	Mike Traegde, Everett R. (Mike) Reney,	<b>Representatives to the NH/VT Solid Waste District</b>	
	Jim Mutney, Paul Osgood, & Mike Benoit		William Hutchins & Ed Jenik • 1998
<b>Health Officers</b>	Kenneth Kerwin, Board of Selectmen		

# RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW



## A GUIDE TO PUBLIC ACCESS

### 1. What is the "Right-to-Know" Law, RSA 91-A?

It is New Hampshire's statute which emphasizes that the business of the Town is the public's business. It makes clear that, with very few exceptions, the public has access to Town records and meetings held in connection with Town Government.

### 2. Who does it cover?

All of us, whether we are elected officials, employees or volunteers serving on Boards of the Town of Grantham.

### 3. What does it cover?

It covers all "meetings." A "meeting" occurs whenever a quorum of a Board, Committee or Subcommittee gathers and discusses or acts upon a matter over which that Board, Committee or Subcommittee has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power. The law also requires that the business of a Board be conducted at a meeting, rather than by telephone, E-mail, or private gathering of individuals.

### 4. If it is a meeting, what does that mean?

- A notice of the time and place of the meeting must be posted at least 24 hours in advance (excluding Sundays and legal holidays) in at least 2 public places.
- The public is entitled to attend and may record or videotape the proceedings.
- All votes, with the very few exceptions itemized below, must be taken in open session and not by secret ballot.
- Minutes must be taken and made available to the public within 144 hours.

### 4. When can we hold a nonpublic session?

Rarely. The Right-to-Know Law lists certain limited situations which allow a Board to go into nonpublic session. Those situations are:

- Dismissal, promotion, or setting compensation for public employees, RSA 91-A:3, II (a).
- Consideration of the hiring of a public employee, RSA 91-A:3, II (b).
- Matters which, if discussed in public, would like-

ly affect adversely the reputation of any person — however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee, RSA 91-A:3, II (c).

- Consideration of the purchase, sale, or lease of real or personal property, RSA 91-A:3, II (d).
- Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation, RSA 91-A:3, (e).

### 6. How do we go into nonpublic session?

A motion must be made which specifically identifies the statutory category which is the reason for going into nonpublic session and then a roll-call vote must be taken in which each member's vote on the motion must be recorded.

### 7. If we go into nonpublic session, what then?

- Minutes must be taken just as you would in an open session.

- Decisions can be made in nonpublic session.

- You must stick to the subject which was the reason for going into the nonpublic session; if there is need to discuss other matters which discussion would be covered by a different exemption, you need to first come out of nonpublic session and then vote to go back in under that different excep-

tion. It is only in this way that a proper record can be prepared for public review.

- The minutes from the nonpublic session must be made public within 72 hours unless two-thirds of the members, while in nonpublic session, determine that the divulgence of the information likely would adversely effect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board, Committee, or Subcommittee, or render the proposed action ineffective. Under those circumstances the Minutes may be withheld until those circumstances no longer apply. Action required to sequester.

### 8. Which Public Records are accessible?

The public has access to all records held by the Town except to the extent they may fall under one of the exemptions listed above.

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# RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW



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**9. How quickly do the records need to be supplied?**

If the requested record cannot conveniently be made available immediately, there is a deadline of five (5) business days for complying with the request.

**10. If there is a question as to whether something is open to the public, what do I do?**

Consult with the Selectmen and they will get advice from Town Counsel, if necessary.

**11. In what format can the public demand that Town records be produced?**

Most records are available for photocopying but the Right-to-Know Law also extends the right to obtain computer disks of material already in the Town's computers. A reasonable charge can be made to cover the cost of providing the copies or disks. In no case, however, does a member of the public have the right to demand that the Town collect, search for, or arrange information that is not already pulled together for the Town's own purposes.

*This document is intended as a general outline of the "Right-to-Know" Law and for ease of use is somewhat simplified. If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Selectmen.*

## SCHEDULE ❧ MEETINGS

### Board of Selectmen

2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month  
2nd Wednesday: 7 p.m., Town Office  
4th Wednesday: 3:30 p.m., Town Office

### Conservation Commission

3rd Wednesday each month

7 p.m., Town Office

### Planning Board

1st Thursday each month

7 p.m., Town Hall

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

2nd Tuesday each month

By call of Chairperson

7 p.m., Town Office

### Grantham Volunteer Fire Department

1st Tuesday each month

7:30 p.m., Fire Station

### Grantham Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary

1st Wednesday each month

7 p.m., Fire Station

### Grantham F.A.S.T. Squad

4th Tuesday each month

7 p.m., Fire Station

### Grantham School Board

2nd Thursday each month

7 p.m., Village School Library



Bob Osgood and Chief Russell Lary were behind the video camera at the March 1996 Annual Town Meeting, held in the Municipal/Village School Building Gymnasium. All Town and School business meetings must be properly recorded in print and/or by electronic means and those records or minutes must be available to the public within 144 hours. The public is also entitled to attend public meetings and to record or videotape those meetings. There are certain exceptions, outlined herein, regarding the "Right-to-Know" Law for New Hampshire.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN



As a board we can honestly write that 1996 has been an exceptionally busy, but enjoyable, year from all department viewpoints. Our roller coaster year began ...

The beginning of the year saw the transition for our administrative staff to new computer software with the added workloads of training and proofreading of the electronically transferred data.

Thankfully they all maintained their sense of humor despite the extra stresses and it is pleasing to see how grateful the staff are for the new hardware and software. Again, staff have requested your patience when they begin the changeover in the database of the new map and lot numbers which should be completed in time for tax billing.

Our main approved 1996 Town Meeting topic followed with the award of bid for the Townwide Revaluation. As you know, Vision Appraisal Technology was awarded the bid and they began their work in earnest at the end of July. The town staff has shared its space with representatives from Vision and at times, the office has felt like Grand Central Station, but both parties have greatly enjoyed working side by side. Vision's work, of course, continues into 1997.

Our Solid Waste District, again, weathered more storms than calm, but thankfully, at the last gasp of 1996, a new contract from Wheelabrator and state approval for refinancing of the bonds, came through. The Town will realize in the future an estimated \$20 per ton savings on the tipping fee.

There are many town representatives within the District who deserve our thanks. They really pulled off a team effort to bring about acceptance of the new contract, and proved that a common goal is worth working toward. Of course, we also thank Wheelabrator for coming to the negotiating table.

Our little town became "citified" with the advent of the allocation of street numbering. We thank our citizens for your cooperation in this effort and our staff in administering the street numbering, from data entry to three solid days of stuffing envelopes! Special thanks are extended to Barbara Mutney and Allan Walker who helped with the mailing.

Summertime saw the re-roofing of the Municipal Building and old portion of the school. Your selectmen and school board worked together to provide a common sense approach to construction needs for the school, and gym, and will continue in this effort of working together to mutually enhance construction proposals.

Unfortunately we had to dip into our emergency repair fund to correct perceived problems to our 10,000-gallon underground storage tank at the Grantham Village School. When tested, the tank would not hold pressure and rather than initiate repair to an old tank that had to be out by December 31, 1998, we determined to go to above-ground tanks rather than spend monies twice. We were given a clean bill of health by the Department of Environmental Services following extensive testing.

If you walk by our former landfill site you will see that monitoring wells were installed in 1996. Results from the well test recently received give your board cautious optimism. We await to see if 1997 will bring final recommendations and the elusive permit for closure.

You will have noted the town has installed "School Zone" flashing lights warning of the reduced speed limits enforceable for the start and end of each school day at Springfield Road (Route 114). When you view the numbers of children who walk and bike, we felt that added safety was a necessary precaution. We ask you, as residents, to be extra cautious and obey the speed zone signs when flashing, together with the rest of the traffic advisory signage!

The town and church collaborated to repaint the Town Hall/Church building. You will see that we are asking for money for the 1997 budget to demolish property adjoining the parking lot and then reconstruct, allowing for more parking.

We feel this is a prudent action to not only enlarge our parking facility for Church and Town Hall users, but also to extend parking for Library patrons. We hope you will support this action.

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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The social highlight of the year, of course, was the newly instigated "Old Home Day" celebrated on July 4th. We wondered what the Old Home Day Committee would do and "do" they certainly did. We were very proud of the group's efforts and also to those town participants who supported them. We thank you all and look forward to 1997's parade. Again, you were all wonderful

Congratulations are also extended to Eastman for being 25 years old. Indeed, "This time is a very good one" — the closing quote from Charlie Pearce's remarks at the 25th Anniversary lakeside gathering. We look forward to the next 25 years.

We felt considerable pride this last season on learning of a Second Place Award in the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Excellence in 1995 Town Reports competition. We thank Lucy Wells and Brad Sears at Hedgehog Publishing for providing us with a finished product earning this recognition. Their motto — "Words & Pictures by and for Folks with Prickly Backs, Soft Bellies, and Small Brains" — seems to fit our lot.

Every year it is becoming too easy to simply write thank you to our staff and volunteers, but the sincerity is genuine. We could not function as a governmental entity, without everyone's knowledge, cooperation, volunteerism, and humor. You all truly "make a difference".

In closing, we proudly acknowledge the sentiments of the following quotation by Winston Churchill. "Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times." Amen to that!

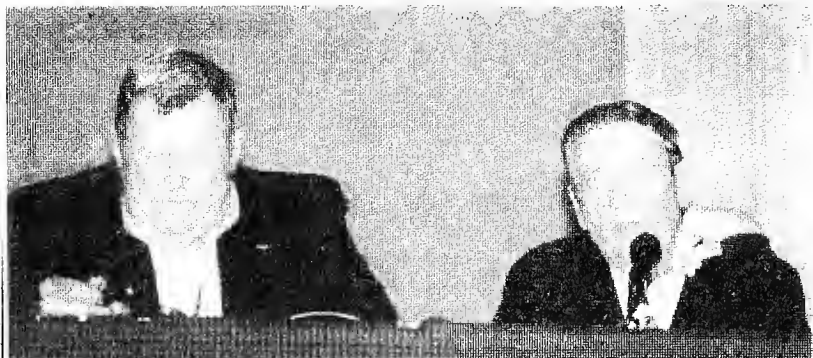
Respectfully submitted,  
Alden H. Pillsbury  
Myron Cummings  
William Hutchins

Grantham Board of Selectmen  
*January 28, 1997*



Select Board member Myron Cummings, at left, addresses the 1996 Town Meeting in March while Bill Hutchins and Chick Pillsbury showed great stage presence.

*Photos: Lucy Wells*



# 1996 AUDIT REPORT



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Grantham  
Grantham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Grantham for the year ended December 31, 1995, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A

## PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to material weaknesses as defined above.

The following conditions were noted that we do not consider to be material weaknesses:

### TRUST FUNDS

#### CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

During our audit of the trust funds, the following was noted:

1. The Expendable Trust Fund is intermingled with the Capital Reserve Funds.
2. Different Capital Reserve Funds are being intermingled among each other.

RSA 35:9 Investments (Capital Reserve Funds) — states that "The monies in each such fund shall be kept in a separate account and not intermingled with other funds of said municipality ..."

We recommend that the Trustees of Trust Funds establish separate accounts for each of its Capital

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Sandy Palermo wears several Town Office hats — Secretary to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen, Bookkeeper, and all around Person of Good Cheer.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*



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Reserve Funds and the Expendable Trust Fund in order to be in compliance with State Statutes.

## TAX COLLECTOR

### A. Noncompliance With State Statutes Regarding Tax Lien Procedures

**D**uring our audit of the Tax Collector's records, we found that the following State Statutes had not been complied with:

1. RSA 80:70 Notice of Redemption states "When full redemption is made, the Tax Collector shall within 30 days after redemption notify the register of deeds of the act ..."

2. RSA 80:76 Tax Deed states "The Tax Collector, after 2 years from the execution of the real estate tax lien, shall execute to the lienholder a deed of the land subject to the real estate tax lien and not redeemed ..."

No tax deeds were taken by the Tax Collector. By not issuing the tax deeds, the Town is prevented from selling the properties and putting them back on the tax rolls as viable property-tax-generating properties.

The Tax Collector has uncollected/unredeemed taxes amounting to \$57,439 dating back to 1989.

We recommend that the following procedures be implemented:

1. The Notice of Redemption reports be filed with the Register of Deeds on a monthly basis.

2. On an annual basis the Tax Collector should be obtaining tax deeds on all real estate tax liens if they have not been redeemed after two years from the execution of the real estate tax lien.

### B. Noncompliance With State Administrative Rulings

Rev 506.07 — Notice of Tax Delinquencies (Arrearages) and Unredeemed Tax Liens (Sales) — Notices were not sent out during 1995.

The Tax Collector should take the necessary steps to ensure that State Statutes and Rulings are complied with.

## INVOICE APPROVAL

**I**t was noted that, while the majority of the Board of Selectmen approve the accounts payable manifests and that all the invoices are reviewed by the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen, no formal approval is seen by the Town

Bookkeeper before the invoices are processed for payment.

We recommend that the Town Administrator approve the invoices prior to the bookkeeper processing them for payment.

## PAYROLL

**I**t was noted that, where applicable, the department head will approve an employee's timesheet, but in those departments that are small (one employee) no formal approval of the timesheet is obtained prior to the processing of the payroll by the bookkeeper. Once the payroll has been processed, then payroll manifests are approved by the majority of the Board of Selectmen.

We recommend that the Town Administrator approve all timesheets prior to their submission to the bookkeeper for processing.

## TREASURER

**T**he Treasurer has in custody a performance bond account that has been on the Town's books since 1993. The Town Administrator believes this account should have been closed out sometime ago since there has been no activity on the account other than interest income. It is presumed that the contractor was reimbursed directly from the general fund.

We recommend that the Treasurer and Town Administrator verify that this is indeed what happened, and, if so, this account should be closed out and the money be deposited into the general fund account.

## TOWN CLERK

**A**lthough the State of New Hampshire, Department of Motor Vehicles, completed their audit of the Town Clerk, we recommend that all voided vehicle registration permits be retained until after the completion of the Town's annual professional audit.

**T**his report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

May 23, 1996

# GRANTHAM



Administrative Assistant April Whittaker, accepted the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Town Report 2nd Place plaque on behalf of Grantham at the NHMA Annual Awards Luncheon. Presenter was Gregg Colby, an auditor with Plodzik & Sanderson, and co-judge for the Town Report contest.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*



## TOWN OFFICE

*By Jessie Dupuis • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The Town Office is an important part of Grantham.

It is located on Dunbar Hill Rd. second place to the right.

The town office building was built 200 years ago. It used to be a one room school house until 1970. It was the first office in Grantham. Town office business use to be done in homes. There is a police station in the town office building. There is a place for the business of the Historecel Socity. Cars and other vehicals are regesterd there. Taxes are paid there and all town business is done there.



*A sincere  
THANK YOU  
to the many hearts,  
hands, and minds that  
are — together —  
The Town of Grantham.*



## TOWN MEETING 1996 —

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Bill Hutchins presented each of several community volunteers with a gift noting their service. Pictured here with Selectman Hutchins to the left are Shirley Curtis, Bob Guyette, and Herve Haufler. Also honored were Carol Weiss, Marcie Levine-Holdowski, George Bond, and Barbara Mutney.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

# TOWN GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE



## ❧ TOWN MEETING WARRANT ❧ MARCH 11, 1997

**SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in Sullivan County, in the State of New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grantham Municipal Building (Gymnasium) in Grantham on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects. Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open to at least 6:00 P.M. The remainder shall be considered at the business meeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Supervisors of the Checklist	5 years
Selectman	3 years
Planning Board	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Treasurer	2 years

**A. AMEND ARTICLE III ESTABLISHMENT of DISTRICTS and DISTRICT REGULATIONS** to change all the old referenced town tax map numbers as cited under Business District Areas 1, 3, and 4 and under Business/Light Industrial District Area 5, to the new town tax map numbers following the redrawing of the town tax maps in 1995.

**Rationale:** The old numbers will become obsolete in 1997 when the town completes the changeover to the new town tax map numbers. If approved, the numbers will change as follows:

OLD	NEW
Map 03 Lot 1089	Map 226 Lot 20
Map 09 Lot 2103B	Map 233 Lot 7
Map 03 Lot 1795	Map 233 Lot 76
Map 03 Lot 1793	Map 233 Lot 73
Map 03 Lot 1790	Map 233 Lot 29
Map 08 Lot 2126	Map 226 Lot 18
Map 08 Lot 2121	Map 233 Lot 28

Basically this amendment is considered "housekeeping" so that people will have the correct reference numbers.

*(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendments to the existing Grantham Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

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**B. AMEND ARTICLE IV-A SHORELAND/ RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT** under Section 7 (Woodland Buffer) paragraph ii subsection (3) to delete the word "noxious".

**Rationale:** The word "noxious" has caused confusion in it's interpretation. State law was amended effective June 14, 1996, to delete the word.

*(Recommended by the Planning Board)*

**ARTICLE 3:** "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Grantham, NH.

*(By Petition)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

## NOTES



**ARTICLE 4:** "Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading, and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?"

**Rationale:** This would permit the library trustees to use monies received from income-generating equipment such as a copier toward the uses as described in the above question. This action would help to defray budgetary expenses.

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 5:** "To see if the Town is in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be held by one individual as provided for in RSA 41:45a. If approved the Town would choose by ballot at the next Annual Meeting one individual to serve for a term of three (3) years. (March 1998)."

*(By Petition)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

**ARTICLE 6:** "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Grantham, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$20,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 6 years, own the real estate individually, or jointly, or if the real estate

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is owned by such person's spouse they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of a person's residence."

*(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)*

**Rationale:** Failure of the town to adopt the above modified elderly exemption will result in the town, by statute, only allowing for a \$5,000 exemption off assessed values through all age levels which will result in hardship to existing, qualified elderly taxpayers. The above exemption values are the current values that the town had previously adopted. There will be no impact to the tax rate with the above modified adoption.

**ARTICLE 7:** "Do you approve of having two (2) sessions for the annual Town Meeting, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot, and the second session, (the deliberative / business session) on a date set by the Selectmen for the transaction of other business".

**Rationale:** The board conducted a survey during the Primary and Presidential Elections which indicated that a strong majority of residents would like to see the Town Meeting moved to a Saturday. By law, elections would still have to be held on the second Tuesday of March. This article provides the mechanism for the Board

of Selectmen to move the business portion of Town Meeting to a Saturday if so approved.



## NOTES

**ARTICLE 8:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,865 to defray the cost of General Government operations."

	1996	1997
Executive	\$ 87,708	\$ 80,546
Election & Registration	41,894	35,750
Financial Administration	25,951	28,499
Assessing / Tax Maps	8,000	1,550
Legal	5,500	25,000
Personnel Administration	71,728	63,865
Planning Board	4,475	3,190
Zoning Board	1,125	1,125
General Govt. Buildings	34,615	49,630
Cemeteries	7,000	9,550
Insurance	30,000	25,000
Regional Association	1,310	1,160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$319,306</b>	<b>\$324,865</b>

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

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**ARTICLE 9:** "To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$196,061 to defray the cost of Public Safety operations."

	1996	1997
Police Department	\$114,519	\$125,455
FAST Squad/Amb. Serv.	20,350	18,890
Fire Department	50,258	51,466
Forest Fire	250	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 185,377</b>	<b>196,061</b>

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation*



**ARTICLE 10:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$291,982 to defray the cost of Public Works operation."

	1996	1997
Highway Adm.	\$ 136,515	\$149,343
Street Lights	4,457	9,221
Solid Waste Collection	43,575	51,418
Waste Disposal	94,000	75,000
Landfill Closure	3,565	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 282,112</b>	<b>\$291,982</b>

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 11:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,689 to defray the cost of Health and Welfare operations."

	1996	1997
Boarding Animals	\$ 350	\$ 350
LSVNA	4,377	3,339
Meals on Wheels	500	500
Kearsarge Council on Aging	0	500
Southwestern Community Action	500	500
Town Welfare Adm.	2,000	2,500

**TOTAL**      **\$7,727**      **\$7,689**

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 12:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Culture and Recreation."

	1996	1997
Parks & Recreation	\$ 2,000	\$2,000
Dunbar Free Library	51,171	56,285
Town Archives	500	500
Old Home Day	1,500	1,500

**TOTAL**      **\$ 55,171**      **\$60,285**

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*



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**ARTICLE 13:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Conservation and Tax Anticipation Notes."

	1996	1997
Conservation Adm.	\$500	\$500
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$600</b>

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 14:** "To see if the Town will vote to approve the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office being open to the public for 36 hours versus 26 hours, as currently designated. The hours of opening to be defined as follows with a half hour for lunch."

Monday	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	10:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:30 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 15:** "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 80:52-a to authorize the collector of taxes to accept payments in pre-payments of taxes?"

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

Chelsea Bailey, 5th grader, works with a Village School computer in her classroom.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

## NOTES



**ARTICLE 16:** "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Clerk to administer the sale of new license plates?"

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

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The patterns of both nature and work within a community are found here at the Côté & Reney lumberyard. Wood from the sawmill must dry before use.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

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**ARTICLE 17:** "Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to sell to the public: Transfer Station stickers and demolition debris tickets?"

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 18:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for (i) the demolition and removal of town-owned buildings located at 400 Route 10 South and (ii) approve construction of a car parking lot upon the property located at 400 Route 10 South which would annex to the current Town Hall/Church car lot."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 19:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to construct a new parking area at the Grantham Village School."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 20:** "To see if the Town will vote to (i) authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for the purpose of leasing one police cruiser for the Police Department; and (ii) raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,064 for the first year's payment for that purpose."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

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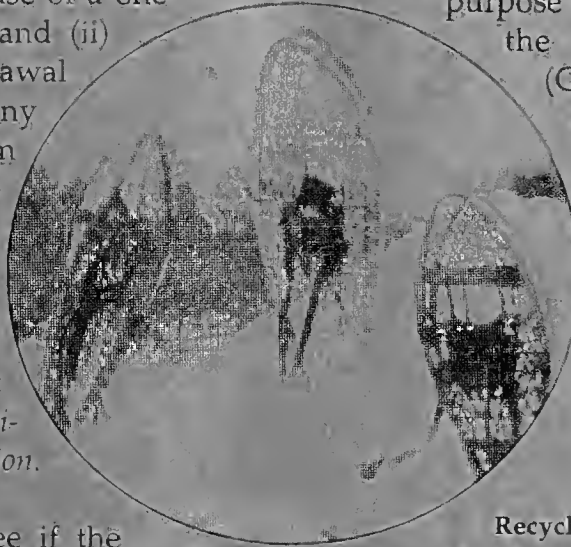


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**ARTICLE 21:** "To see if the Town will (i) vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,828 for the purchase of a one-ton truck and body and (ii) authorize the withdrawal of \$19,528 plus any accrued interest from the Highway Truck - Capital Reserve Fund to defray the cost."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*



**ARTICLE 24:** "To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of floor renovations to the Municipal Building (Gymnasium), (ii) to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in this fund and (iii) to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article  
The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

**ARTICLE 22:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for a vote counting machine."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Recycling of another sort — these snowshoes were awaiting new owners outside Dugan's Antiques Plus. *Photo: Lucy Wells*

**ARTICLE 23:** "To see if the Town will (i) vote to raise and appropriate \$33,000 to survey, engineer, and begin construction of recreational field(s) adjacent to the school and (ii) accept the gift of \$13,000 from the Grantham Conservation Commission to defray the cost of said recreation field(s). Said balance to be further defrayed with the use of \$5,000 plus any accrued interest from the "Town Green/ Recreational Field(s) Capital Reserve as established by the 1996 Town Meeting Article 19."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation*

**ARTICLE 25:** "To see if the Town will vote to (i) establish a Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of pavement of the Village School car lot and driveway, (ii) to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in this fund and (iii) to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

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**ARTICLE 26:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

	1996	1997
Fire Dept. Capital Res.	\$25,000	\$37,500
Mowers Capital Reserve	3,000	1,500
Town Green Reserve	5,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*



## NOTES

**ARTICLE 27:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (i) the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Phase II Addition of the Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund (previously established) and (ii) to designate the Library Trustees to carry out the purposes of said fund."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 28:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,231 to add to the Phase II Addition of the Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund (previously established) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the gift of \$1,231 from the Library Trustees for such purposes."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 29:** "To see if the Town will vote to establish (i) a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a Computer Maintenance and Replacement Fund, (ii) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in this fund and (iii) to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

**ARTICLE 30:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Emergency Repair Expendable Trust, previously established (Article 20 — 1995 Town Meeting)."

*(Majority vote required)*

*Special Warrant Article*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

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**ARTICLE 31:** "To see if the Town will vote to (i) approve the provisions of RSA 31:94-a which established a single 18-month accounting period running from January 1 of the calendar year following adoption and ending June 30 of the next following year, (thereafter the accounting period shall run from July 1 to June 30 of the following year) and (ii) to approve the provisions of RSA 39:1-a to hold its Annual Town Meeting on the second Tuesday of May."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article*

**ARTICLE 32:** "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the Library Trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the Library Trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of any such gift, valued at over \$5,000, the Public Library Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance."

*(Majority vote required)*

*The Board of Selectmen & Board of Library Trustees recommend this article*



Veteran newspaperwoman and Grantham historian Ella Reney was at Town Meeting in March 1996 taking a few notes. *Photo: Lucy Wells*

**ARTICLE 33:** "To see if the town will authorize the Conservation Commission to increase to a seven-member Commission from its current five-member Commission in accordance with RSA 36-A:3." (Commission shall consist of not less than 3 nor more than 7 members.)

*(By Petition)*

*Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

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**ARTICLE 34:** To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

## NOTES



Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the Year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven.

*Alden H. Pillsbury*

Alden H. Pillsbury

*Myron Cummings*

Myron Cummings

*William Hutchins*

William Hutchins

Board of Selectmen \* Grantham, NH

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

February 19, 1997

We hereby certify that on the 19th day of February, 1997, we posted an attested copy of the within warrant at the place of meeting within named, and posted a like copy at:

### TOWN OFFICES

GRANTHAM POST OFFICE

LAKE SUNAPEE SAVINGS BANK

BULLETIN BOARD

being public places in said town, on the 19th day of February, 1997.

Alden H. Pillsbury

*Alden H. Pillsbury*

Myron Cummings

*William Hutchins*

William Hutchins

*Board of Selectmen*

Board of Selectmen \* Grantham, NH

A True Copy of Warrant — Attest

*Alden H. Pillsbury*

Alden H. Pillsbury

*Myron Cummings*

Myron Cummings

*William Hutchins*

William Hutchins

# 1997 GRANTHAM TOWN BUDGET



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
61 So. Spring St., P.O. Box 1122  
Concord, NH 03302-1122  
(603) 271-3397

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## BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF GRANTHAM N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or  
for Fiscal Year From

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT** Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date February 14, 1997

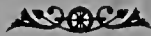
Alden Pollstar  
William K. Gamm  
[Signature]

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

(Revised 1996)

# 1997 GRANTHAM TOWN BUDGET



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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Verr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139 Executive		8	87,708	82,644	80,546	
4140-4149 Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		8	41,894	36,044	35,750	
4150-4151 Financial Administration		8	25,951	24,113	28,499	
4152 Revaluation of Property		8	8,000	5,129	1,550	
4153 Legal Expense		8	5,500	4,275	25,000	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration		8	71,728	67,817	63,865	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning		8	5,600	2,277	4,315	
4194 General Government Buildings		8	38,615	38,537	49,630	
4195 Cemeteries		8	7,000	5,943	9,550	
4196 Insurance		8	30,000	23,583	25,000	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.		8	1,310	1,160	1,160	
4199 Other General Government						
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214 Police		9	114,519	119,545	125,455	
4215-4219 Ambulance /FAST SOUND		9	20,350	13,859	18,890	
4220-4229 Fire /Forest Fire		9	50,508	48,260	51,716	
4240-4249 Building Inspection						
4290-4298 Emergency Management						
4299 Other Public Safety (Including Communications)						
<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets		10	136,515	134,651	149,343	
4313 Bridges						
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other		10	4,457	3,780	9,221	
<b>SANITATION</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323 Administration & Solid Waste Collection		10	43,575	47,069	51,418	
4324-4325 Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		10	97,565	99,699	82,000	
4326-4329 Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other						
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332 Administration & Water Services						



# 1997 GRANTHAM TOWN BUDGET



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Aest. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By BRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other					
	<b>ELECTRIC</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Administration & Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs					
	<b>HEALTH</b>					
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control	11	350	214	350	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	11	5,377	3,918	4,839	
	<b>WELFARE</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	11	2,000	778	2,500	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	12	3,031	2,968	2,000	
4550-4559	Library	12	51,171	51,171	56,285	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	12	2,000	2,006	2,000	
	<b>CONSERVATION</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources	13	500	153	500	
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Interest on TANS	13	100	0-	100	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements ART: 18, 19, 20, 21	23			61,000	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	22			43,892	

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4903	Buildings		53,000	53,000		
4909	Improv. Other Than Buildings		115,000	43,060		
	<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>		<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund See Below		54,964	54,964		
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)	30	-0-	10,558	15,000	
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
	<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		1,078,288	981,175	986,374	

Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr. Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Not Recommended)
	<b>INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>					
	<b>SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended</b>		<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>		<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriations is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	<b>SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES</b>					
4915	CRF - Gym Floor	24			5,000	
4915	CRF - School Revolving	25			10,000	
4915	CRF - Fire Tr., Mower	26	33,000	33,000	39,000	
4915	CRF - Library	27 & 28	11,964	11,964	26,231	
4915	NON CRF Computer	29			2,000	
4916	Expendable Trust Fund	30		10,558	15,000	
	<b>SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended</b>				97,231	

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Aect. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	<b>TAXES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Charge Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		4,000	10,673	4,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		12,000	2,287	3,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		500	799	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		225,000	303,574	250,000
3230	Building Permits		3,000	3,552	2,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	6,473	5,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	<b>FROM STATE</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		15,729	15,729	15,729
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		29,758	29,758	29,758
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		1,000	5,405	4,000
3409	Other Charges		23,000	26,918	25,000
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	21			11,000
3502	Interest on Investments		30,000	45,160	40,000
3503-3509	Other		36,000	35,799	46,500
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds				

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3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913 Capital Projects Fund					
3914 Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
3915 Capital Reserve Fund (Truck/Rec. Fields 21 & 23)					24,528
3916 Trust & Agency Funds					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>
3934 Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes					
Amounts Voted From "Surplus"			<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	115,000	75,000
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes			<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>	81,600	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>
TOTAL REVENUES			384,987	682,847	539,510

## BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	986,374
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 3)	
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (from page 3)	97,231
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,083,605
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	539,510
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	544,095

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W. A. No.	Amount		Acct. No.	W. A. No.	Amount
4901	18	18,000		4902	22	2,000
4901	19	10,000				
4901	23	33,000				
4902	20	7,064				
4902	21	24,828				

# EXPENDITURES



<b>EXECUTIVE</b>						
Full Time Salaries				\$	34,181	
Part Time Salaries					4,665	
Telephone					2,785	
Computer Services					3,387	
Registry Recording					137	
Equipment Repair					40	
Other Professional Services					6,900	
Travel					0	
Training					1,228	
Printing					7,027	
Advertising					411	
Memberships					1,102	
Office Supplies					3,255	
Copier Supplies and Service					1,975	
Postage					5,583	
Subscriptions and Reference					119	
Other Misc. Supplies					710	
Office Equipment and Computer					8,525	
Furniture and Fixtures					636	
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE</b>						<b>82,644</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK AND ELECTION EXPENSE</b>						
Full Time Salaries					19,568	
Part Time Salaries					8,882	
Election Overtime					118	
Computer Services Contracts					2,440	
Registry Recording					676	
Travel					622	
Training					868	
Advertising					306	
Memberships					35	
Election Supplies					720	
Subscriptions and Reference					49	
Dog Tags					119	
Office Equip / Computers					200	
Furniture and Fixtures					1000	
Fees					444	
<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK AND ELECTION EXPENSE</b>						<b>36,045</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
Part Time Salaries					2,207	
Full Time Hourly					18,308	
Accounting Overtime					1,550	
Auditing					4,050	
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						<b>24,113</b>
<b>ENGINEERING - TAX MAPS</b>						
Engineering - Tax Maps					1,229	
Assessing Services					3,900	

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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

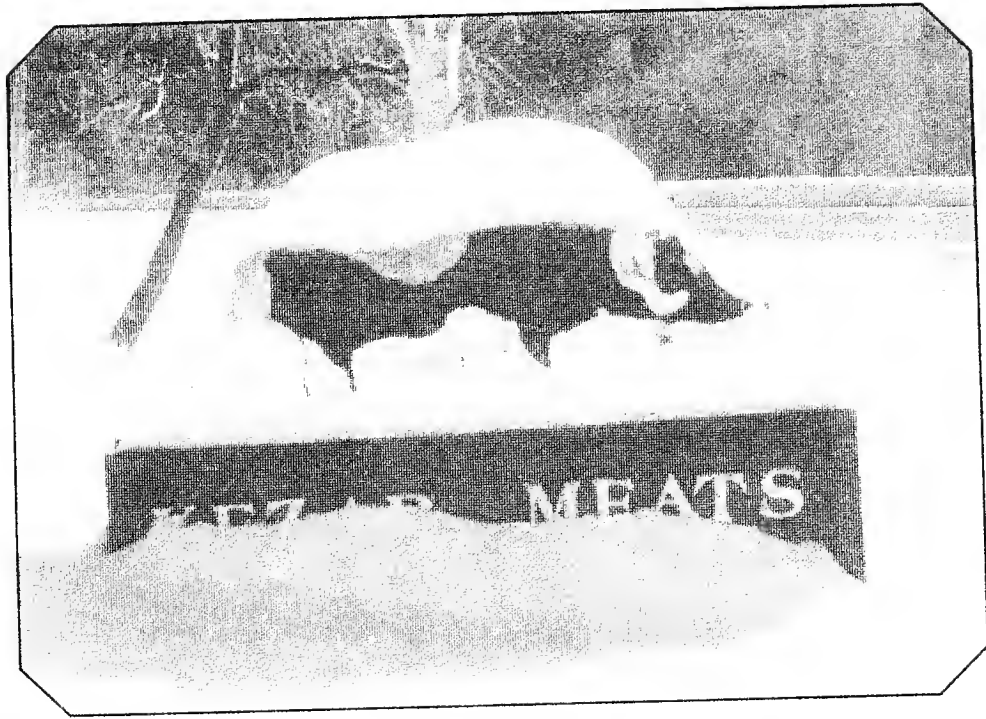


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**CONSIDER THIS NOW FAMILIAR GRANTHAM COMMERCIAL LANDMARK  
ON ROUTE 10 SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE ON A WINTER AFTERNOON.  
DOESN'T IT CRY OUT FOR AN APPROPRIATE CAPTION?**

**WITH A FRIENDLY NOD TO THE KEZAR FAMILY — WE EXERCISE  
THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL LICENSE BY HEDGEHOG PUBLISHING:**

"Don't let your pork roast."

"Aurora Boar, he all ice." (*Say this fast*)

"Frozen meats a specialty."

"Freeze! Hams up!"

"Ribbs under glace."

*To music* — "On top of Old Smoky ... "

Onsite Planning Boar Meating

"Brrrrrrrrrrrr .... oink!"

"Who said the buses run every 15 minutes?"

**ANY SUGGESTIONS? WRITE YOUR OWN CAPTION.**



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<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING - TAX MAPS</b>				<b>5,129</b>
<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>				
Legal Services			4,275	
<b>TOTAL LEGAL SERVICES</b>				<b>4,275</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
Health Benefits			29,807	
Life and Disability			252	
NH Retirement			3,585	
NH Police Retirement			1,964	
ICMA Retirement			577	
Workman's Comp			14,303	
BC/BS Cobra Reimbursed			0	
Employer FICA			13,253	
Employer Medicare			4,076	
Retirement			0	
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				<b>67,817</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>				
Part Time Hourly			1,281	
Telephone			0	
Registry Recording			0	
Other Professional Services			40	
Travel			92	
Training			0	
Printing			0	
Advertising			421	
Memberships			0	
General Supplies			29	
Copier Supplies and Service			0	
Postage			33	
Subscription and Reference			0	
<b>TOTAL PLANNING</b>				<b>1,876</b>
<b>ZONING</b>				
Part Time Hourly			259	
Telephone			0	
Travel			0	
Training			15	
Printing			0	
Advertising			128	
Memberships			0	
General Supplies			0	
Subscriptions and Reference			0	
<b>TOTAL ZONING</b>				<b>402</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>				
Full Time Hourly			0	
Part Time Hourly			10	
Overtime - Buildings			189	

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Vehicle & Equip Repair				324		
Heat				0		
Travel				561		
Advertising				48		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel				355		
Custodial Supplies				2,305		
Other Misc. Supplies				147		
Other Improvements				1,163		
<b>Municipal Gymnasium Building</b>						
Telephone				603		
Other Professional Services				2,677		
Electricity				4,702		
Repairs & Maintenance				4,560		
Other Services				918		
Groundskeeping Supplies				62		
Other Misc. Supplies				137		
Other Capital				695		
<b>Town Hall</b>						
Electricity				2,205		
Heat - Gas & Oil				972		
Repairs & Maintenance				1,327		
Alarm Services				400		
Other Capital				4,413		
<b>Town Office Building</b>						
Electricity				2,011		
Heat - Gas & Oil				441		
Repairs & Maintenance				4,739		
Alarm Service				1100		
General Supplies				361		
Other Improvements				1,102		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>					<b>38,537</b>	
<b>CEMETERIES</b>						
Part Time Salaries				525		
Part Time Hourly				1,033		
Vehicle & Equip. Repair				252		
Other Professional Services				3,853		
Travel				0		
General Supplies				230		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel				0		
Groundskeeping Supplies				50		
Other Capital				0		
<b>TOTAL CEMETERIES</b>					<b>5,943</b>	
<b>GENERAL INSURANCE</b>						
General Insurance				23,587		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL INSURANCE</b>					<b>23,587</b>	
<b>UVREGPLAN</b>						
UV Reg Plan Com / Solid Waste Dist.				1,160		
<b>TOTAL UVREGPLAN</b>					<b>1,160</b>	

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<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>							
Full Time Salaries					34,136		
Full Time Hourly					27,947		
Part Time Hourly - Specials					18,305		
Overtime					6,837		
Training - Specials					1,120		
Secretary					53		
Witness Fees					210		
Telephone					3,033		
Computer Services					383		
Dispatch					6,235		
Medical Services					0		
Photo Lab					342		
Vehicle & Equip. Repair					2,420		
Radio Repair					1,569		
Other Professional Services					2,000		
Travel					59		
Training					2,296		
Advertising					91		
Memberships					320		
Misc. Purchased Services					3,584		
Office Supplies					622		
Postage					168		
Maintenance & Repair Supplies					76		
Tires					916		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel					2,295		
Subscriptions and Reference					1,254		
Uniforms / Safety Equip.					1,561		
Other Misc. Supplies					194		
Machinery and Equipment					0		
Office Equip. / Computers					1,895		
Furniture & Fixtures					25		
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>						<b>119,946</b>	
<b>FAST SQUAD</b>							
Part Time Salaries					1,751		
Dispatch					0		
Medical Services					359		
Vehicle & Equip. Repair					171		
Radio Repair					451		
Training					1,236		
Tires					0		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel					0		
Departmental Supplies					282		
Uniforms / Safety Equip.					79		
Other Misc. Supplies					0		
Machinery & Equip. - Radios					0		
Other Capital					2,731		
<b>TOTAL FAST SQUAD</b>						<b>7,060</b>	

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<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Part Time Salaries			8,024		
Telephone			588		
Dispatch			2,091		
Medical Services			221		
Vehicle & Equip. Repair			2,523		
Radio Repair			963		
Other Professional Services			0		
Electricity			2,218		
Heat - Gas & Oil			1,002		
Repairs & Maintenance			1,667		
Alarm Services			250		
Hazardous Materials Program			0		
Travel			42		
Training			2,049		
Advertising			15		
Memberships			50		
Office Supplies			159		
Copier Supplies & Service			0		
Postage			8		
Maintenance & Repair Supplies			2,122		
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel			370		
Custodial Supplies			220		
Subscriptions and Reference			731		
Other Misc. Supplies			0		
Other Improvements			3,169		
Machinery & Equipment			380		
Office Equip. / Computers			486		
Other Capital			14,636		
Safety Grant			4,100		
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>				<b>48,044</b>	
<b>FOREST FIRE</b>					
Forest Fire			218		
<b>TOTAL FOREST FIRE</b>				<b>218</b>	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>					
Full Time Hourly			44,681		
Part Time Hourly			0		
Overtime			6,329		
Telephone			693		
Vehicle & Equip. Repair			6,454		
Paving			20,376		
Other Professional Service			1,425		
Electricity			1,118		
Heat - Gas & Oil			187		
Repairs & Maintenance			239		
Rentals & Leases			7,813		
Travel			39		
Training			0		
Advertising			0		

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Memberships				5	
Misc. Purchased Services				99	
General Supplies - Seed +				330	
Maintenance & Repair Supplies				3,513	
Tires				451	
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel				3,426	
Custodial Supplies				32	
Uniforms / Safety Equipment				907	
Sand & Gravel				12,374	
Salt & Winter Sand				16,166	
Bituminous Products				388	
Culverts				1,083	
Chemicals				1,891	
Signs				1,312	
Bridge & Guardrails				3,150	
Other Misc. Supplies				170	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>					<b>134,651</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>					
Street Lights				3,780	
<b>TOTAL STREET LIGHTS</b>					<b>3,780</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Part Time Hourly				16,425	
Telephone				344	
Other Professional Services				0	
Electricity				512	
Waste Trucking				13,786	
Waste Disposal - Incinerator				0	
Waste Disposal - Landfill				0	
Recycling Trucking				15,078	
Rents & Leases				3,757	
Training				126	
Printing				161	
Memberships				0	
Maintenance & Repair Supplies				1,071	
Uniforms / Safety Equipment				598	
Sand & Gravel				439	
Solid Waste Container Purchase				0	
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT</b>					<b>52,297</b>
<b>WASTE DISPOSAL</b>					
Waste Disposal				87,124	
Waste Disposal / Landfill				11,799	
<b>TOTAL WASTE DISPOSAL</b>					<b>98,923</b>
<b>LANDFILL CLOSING/MONITORING WELLS</b>					
Landfill Close & Monitoring Well				1,599	
<b>TOTAL LANDFILL CLOSING/MONITORING WELLS</b>					<b>1,599</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					

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Boarding Animals				214	
<b>TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					<b>214</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>					
Lake Sunapee Home Health				2,918	
Sullivan County Hospice				0	
Meals On Wheels				500	
Kearsarge Area COA 93/15				0	
So. Western Community Action				500	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>					<b>3,918</b>
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
General Assistance				778	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>					<b>778</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Recreation				2,968	
<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>					<b>2,968</b>
<b>DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY</b>					
Part Time Hourly				24,326	
Telephone				525	
Computer Service				1,295	
Equipment Repair				0	
Other Professional Services				75	
Electricity				1,011	
Heat				576	
Repairs & Maintenance				4,835	
Travel				376	
Training				254	
Advertising/Special Program				469	
Memberships				134	
Library Trustees				0	
Office Supplies				1,283	
Copier Supplies / Service				272	
Postage				69	
Subscriptions and Reference				14,276	
Other Miscellaneous Supplies				184	
Capital - Building				0	
Office Equipment / Computer				0	
Furniture / Fixtures				0	
<b>TOTAL DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY</b>					<b>49,940</b>
<b>TOWN HISTORY 93/13</b>					
Town History				0	0
<b>OLD HOME DAY</b>					
Old Home Day				1,501	
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>					<b>1,501</b>
<b>TOWN ARCHIVES</b>					

# SUMMARY PAYMENTS



SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS 1996				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Executive Office		\$	82,644	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics			36,045	
Financial Administration			24,113	
Property Appraisal			5,129	
Legal Expense			4,275	
Personnel Administration			87,817	
Planning			1,878	
Zoning			402	
General Government Buildings			38,537	
Cemeteries			5,943	
Insurance			23,587	
Regional Associations			1,160	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				<b>291,528</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
Police Department			119,946	
Ambulance			7,060	
Fire Department			48,044	
Forest Fire			218	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				<b>175,268</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
Highway Department			134,651	
Street Lighting			3,780	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>				<b>138,431</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>				
Solid Waste			52,297	
Waste Disposal			98,923	
Landfill Closing			1,599	
<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>				<b>152,819</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>				
Animal Control			214	
Health Services			3,918	
Welfare			778	
<b>TOTAL HEALTH</b>				<b>4,910</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
Recreation			2,968	
Library			49,940	
Town Archives			503	
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				<b>53,411</b>
<b>OLD HOME DAY</b>				
			1,501	
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>				<b>1,501</b>

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<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation Commission				153	
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					<b>163</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPROVEMENTS</b>					
Gymnasium Roof				53,000	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY - IMPROVEMENTS</b>					<b>53,000</b>
<b>REVALUATION</b>					
Revaluation				43,060	
<b>TOTAL REVALUATION</b>					<b>43,060</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>					
Road Truck Reserve 92/14				10,000	
Town Green Reserve				5,000	
Fire Truck Reserve				25,000	
Library II Reserve 93/16				11,964	
Mowers				3,000	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS</b>					<b>54,964</b>
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS</b>					
Sullivan County Assessment				625,864	
Village Water District				209,901	
Grantham School FY 95/96				1,087,377	
Grantham School FY 96/97				781,774	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>					<b>2,704,916</b>
<b>(1996 ENCUMBERED = \$ 78,740)</b>					
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>					<b>\$3,673,961</b>



# APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES



COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES					
DECEMBER 31, 1996					
ACCOUNT TITLE	APPRO.	EXPENSE	ENCUM.	UNEXPENDED BALANCE	OVERDRAFT
Executive	87,708	82,844		5,084	
Town Clerk	41,694	36,044		5,650	
Fin. Admin.	25,951	24,113		1,838	
Assess. Ser.	8,000	5,129		2,871	
Legal	5,500	4,275		1,225	
Personnel Admin.	71,728	67,817		3,911	
Planning	4,475	1,875		2,600	
ZBA	1,125	402		723	
Town Buildings	38,615	38,537		78	
Canteeneries	7,000	5,943		1,057	
Insurance	30,000	23,587		6,413	
Reg. Planning Comm.	1,310	1,180		150	
Police Department	114,519	119,945			5,426
FAST Squad	20,350	7,059	6,800	6,491	
Fire Department	50,258	48,043		2,215	
Forest Fire	250	217		33	
Roads	136,515	134,651		1,864	
Street Lights	4,457	3,780		677	
Solid Waste	43,575	47,089			3,494
Waste Disposal	94,000	95,540			1,540
Landfill Closure	3,595	4,159			594
Boarding Animals	350	214		136	
Community Programs	5,377	3,918		1,459	
General Assistance	2,000	778		1,222	
Recreation	3,031	2,988		83	
Dunbar Library	51,171	51,171			
Old Home Day	1,500	1,503			3
Archives	500	503			3
Conservation	500	153		347	
TAN Interest	100	-		100	
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Gym Roof	53,000	53,000			
Revelution	115,000	43,060	71,940		
CAPITAL RESERVES					
Road Truck	10,000	10,000			
Fire Truck	25,000	25,000			
Library Phase II	11,984	11,984			
Mowers	3,000	3,000			
Town Green	5,000	5,000			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,078,288</b>	<b>984,221</b>	<b>78,740</b>	<b>46,387</b>	<b>11,060</b>
NET UNEXPENDED					
				36,327	
OTHER PAYMENTS					
Sullivan County		625,864			
Grantham School (1996)		1,574,520			
Taxes Bought by Town		57,378			
Refunds		1,537			
<b>TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS</b>		<b>2,259,299</b>			
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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT: REVENUES



COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES								
TAXES			ESTIMATED 1996	ACTUAL 1996		ESTIMATED 1997		
3120	Land Use Change Tax		-	-		-		
3180	Resident Taxes		-	-		-		
3185	Yield Taxes		4,000	10,673		4,000		
3190	Interest & Penalties		12,000	2,287		3,000		
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES								
3210	Business License & Permits		500	799		500		
3220	Motor Vehicle Fees		225,000	303,574		250,000		
3230	Building Permits/PB/Current Use		3,000	3,552		2,500		
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	6,473		5,000		
FROM THE STATE								
3351	Shared Revenue		15,323	15,729		15,729		
3353	Highway Block Grant		29,887	29,758		32,753		
3359	Other (Witness Fees, etc.)		-	120		-		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES								
3401	Income from Departments		1,000	5,405		4,000		
3404	Other Charges/Transfer Station		23,000	26,918		25,000		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES								
3501	Sale of Municipal Property (Truck)		-	-		11,000		
3502	Interests on Investments		30,000	45,160		40,000		
3503	Rentals/Vending		500	614		500		
3504	Fines from Court		-	-		-		
3505	Insurance Dividends		22,000	26,844		25,000		
3508	Donations/Grants		-			13,000		
3509	Reimbursement		13,500	8,341		8,000		
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN								
3915	Capital Reserve Funds (Truck Res.)		-	-		24,528		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
	Items Voted from Surplus		115,000	115,000		-		
	Use of Unreserved Fund Balance		50,000	81,600		75,000		
TOTALS			\$549,710	\$682,847		539,510		

# 1996 REVENUE SURPLUS



1996 REVENUE SURPLUS					
ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT TITLE		SURPLUS		OVERDRAFT
3180	Resident Tax		\$ 528		
3195	Yield Taxes		6,673		
3190	Interest/Penalties			\$ 9,713	
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		299		
3220	Motor Vehicle Fees		78,574		
3230	Building Permi/Planning/CU		552		
3290	Other Licenses/Permits/Fees		1,473		
3359	Witness Fees		120		
3401	Income from Departments		4,405		
3404	Other Charges/Trans. Stat. Fees		3,918		
3502	Interest on Investments		15,160		
3509	Other				201
<b>TOTALS</b>			\$ 111,702	\$ 9,914	
<b>NET SURPLUS.....</b>	<b>\$101,788</b>				

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY



MAP	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	MAP	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
01-0132	Butternut Land	\$ 57,600	07-2236C	School Lot	\$ 15,000
01-0132A	Butternut Land	24,100	07-2236	Ministers Lot	40,000
01-0132B	Butternut Land	12,850	07-2236	Davis & Green Lot A,B,D,G,H,I, & J —	
01-0132C	Butternut Land	27,550		includes 4 acres in Plainfield	115,000
02-0213	38 Anderson Pond Road	13,800	07-2236	Smith Land	33,000
02-0254	28 High Pond Road	3,050	06-2327	Ella Smith Land	12,000
02-0460	8 Oak Lane	7,600	04-1897	Stoney Brook Road	1,450
02-0629	51 Road 'Round the Lake	96,100	04-1917	Old Mill Lot	5,000
02-0735	17 Bright Slope Way	13,450	03-1288	Transfer Station	37,500
02-0923	57 Whitetail Ridge	11,800	09-2010	Aher Property	25,000
03-1487	39 Fairway Drive	17,050		<b>TOTAL CONTENTS</b>	<b>\$1,901,500</b>
07-2128.47	Top o'World/Olde Farms Road	23,650			
07-2168	Olde Farms Road	19,750		Municipal Bldg	\$ 25,000
07-2302	Tall Timber Drive	9,350		Fire Station	80,000
08-2128.06	Rawson Ridge	17,500		Fire Station Trucks	278,650
08-2128.41	New Aldrich Road	26,600		Town Hall	10,000
08-2146A	Olde Farms Rd /New Aldrich Rd	22,100		Police Department	20,000
03-1794	Municipal Bldg	500,000		Town Offices	31,500
03-1794	Fire Station	275,000		Police Vehicles	32,000
09-2095	Town Hall	100,000		Town Garage Equipment & Vehicles	132,200
09-2095	Town Offices/Police	120,000		Dunbar Library	30,000
04-1935	Dunbar Library	136,500		Transfer Station	10,000
09-2095	Town Garage	61,000			
02-1071,74,80	Brookside Park	20,000			
03-1290	Springfield Road	1,650			
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 649,350</b>
			<b>Grand Totals</b>		<b>\$2,550,850</b>

# DECEMBER 31, 1996, BALANCE



## ASSETS

<i>Cash on Hand</i>		\$1,246,276.53
Conservation Commission	347.00	
		\$1,246,623.53
<i>Accounts Due to Town</i>		
1996 Property Taxes	\$325,615.18	
Unredeemed Taxes	36,988.49	
Accounts Receivable		\$362,603.67
<i>Capital Reserve Accounts</i>		
Fire Truck	\$99,020.22	
Town Highway Truck	20,009.43	
Library Phase II Addition	32,967.20	
Mowers	4,155.44	
Town Green	5,003.77	
Office Computer	2,174.55	
		\$163,330.61
<i>Expendable Trust Funds</i>		
Town Buildings Maintenance Trust	\$10,532.90	
		\$10,532.90
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,783,090.71</b>

## LIABILITIES & EQUITIES

<i>Liabilities</i>		
Unexpended Conservation Funds	\$ 347.00	
School District Tax Payable	1,147,970.42	
Accounts Payable	78,340.00	
1996 Property Tax Overpayment	1,323.78	
Capital Reserve Funds	163,330.61	
Expendable Trust Fund	10,532.90	
		\$1,401,844.71
<i>Equity</i>		
Reserved for Encumbrance	\$ 78,340.00	
Designated Fund Balance	115,000.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	187,906.00	
		\$381,246.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>\$1,783,090.71</b>

# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION



## VALUE of LAND ONLY

Current Use	\$ 350,860
Residential	70,960,786
Commercial	1,784,200
<b>Total Land Value</b>	<b>\$ +73,095,846</b>

## WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally & Permanently Disabled 2 @ \$700	\$1,400
All other Qualified Vets (151 @ \$50)	7,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,950</b>

## VALUE of BUILDINGS ONLY

Residential	\$ 128,814,685
Manufactured Housing	166,200
Commercial/Industrial	3,861,825
<b>Total Building Values</b>	<b>\$ +132,842,710</b>

## ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

1996 Elderly Exemptions	2 @ \$10,000
	2 @ \$15,000
	2 @ \$20,000

Public Utilities	\$ +1,814,424
<b>Total Valuation w/o Exemptions:</b>	<b>\$207,752,980</b>

## EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions (6) \$	90,000
Physically Handicapped Exemption (1)	138,600
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	<b>\$ 228,600</b>

<b>NET VALUATION</b>	<b>\$ 207,524,380</b>
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## EASTMAN DISTRICT

Land & Buildings	\$ 160,238,163
Physically Handicapped Exemption (1)	138,600

<b>NET VALUATION EASTMAN</b>	<b>\$160,099,563</b>
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## TAX RATE COMPUTATION 1996

Town Appropriations	\$ +1,078,288
Less Revenues	- 581,587
Less Shared Revenues	- 3,330
Overlay	+ 49,753
War Service Credits	+ 8,950

Net Town Appropriation	\$ 552,074
Net School Tax Assessment	\$ 1,913,688
Net County Tax Assessment	624,276

Total Property Assessed	\$ 3,090,038
Less: War Service Credits	8,950
Add: Village District Commitment	211,331

<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT</b>	<b>\$ 3,292,419</b>
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## 1997 PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

### PROOF of RATE

Net Town Value	Tax Rate	Assessment
\$207,524,380	X \$14.89	\$3,090,038

### TAX RATE COMPARISON


	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
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Town:	2.49	2.49	2.25	2.40	2.66
School:	5.52	6.35	7.23	8.72	9.22
County:	2.85	2.90	2.99	3.07	3.01

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.86</b>	<b>11.74</b>	<b>12.47</b>	<b>14.19</b>	<b>14.89</b>
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Eastman Village District	1.64	1.64	1.66	1.34	1.32
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<b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>	<b>12.50</b>	<b>13.38</b>	<b>14.13</b>	<b>15.53</b>	
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 The total grand town valuation increased from \$204,085,201 to \$207,524,380, a 1.68% increase. Therefore, the taxes charged on property assessed at \$100,000 will be \$70 more this year than last, if you are outside of the Eastman Village District. If you are within the Eastman District border, the taxes will be \$69 higher for a property assessed at \$100,000.

# 1996 TOWN MEETING MINUTES



The 220th Grantham Town Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Moderator Merle Schotanus.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Supervisors of the Checklist	Allen Walker (appointed)
Selectman	William Hutchins
Planning Board	Allen Walker
Cemetery Trustee	George Warren Kimball
Library Trustee	Joyce S. Andrews
Library Trustee	Charles A. Pearce
Library Trustee	Ronald Shepherd
Trustee of Trust Funds	Ted Short
Moderator	Merle Schotanus
Treasurer	Gina Hutchins

**ARTICLE 2:** "Are you in favor of separating the elected positions and offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector as provided under RSA 41:45-a in order to provide for the separate positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector?" If approved, the Town will fill these positions at the 1998 Town Meeting as approved by law and vote of the Town. Further, see Article 21 of the 1996 Town Warrant.

**Rationale:** The Board of Selectmen would prefer to see the office of Tax Collector an appointed one albeit that the current combined position of Town Clerk and Tax Collector has to run through its elected term of three years which is completed in 1998.

Total vote cast was 296. Votes cast on this ballot question were 268; yes votes were 137; no votes were 131.

*Article 2 passed.*

**ARTICLE 3:** "Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Grantham Building code as proposed by the Planning Board?"

Votes cast on this ballot question were 270; Yes votes were 219; No votes were 51.

*Article 3 passed.*

1. AMEND ARTICLE VII - FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER ORDINANCE to REVISE and SIMPLIFY and to READ as FOLLOWS:

## ARTICLE VIII - FIRE SPRINKLER ORDINANCE

**Purpose:** The Town of Grantham recognizes the need to preserve life and the purposes to which a sprinkler system would be valuable in terms of life occupancy, height and location.

The Grantham Planning Board, in conjunction with the Grantham Fire Department under Site Plan Review Regulations, shall review with applicants any requirements for fire protection in the form of an automatic sprinkler system (AFPS), with special consideration to be

rendered to life occupancy, height of proposed building, and location issues. The following types of construction shall be considered for an AFPS system:

- i. Multi-family residences
- ii. Hotels, motels
- iii. Bed & Breakfasts, lodging houses
- iv. Any commercial enterprise over 35 feet in height that has obtained an approved variance from the Grantham Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- v. Any commercial enterprise that may be considered hazardous by way of an explosive, flammable or toxic nature
- vi. Additionally, two-family residences may be considered for an AFPS system in appropriate cases.

## DEFINITIONS:

**AFPS SYSTEM:** Shall mean an automatic Fire Protection Sprinkler System meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements for design and installation as outlined by the National Fire Protection Association.

**SINGLE FAMILY:** For the purposes of this ordinance, a single residential building containing one (1) dwelling unit designed for occupancy by not more than one (1) family.

**MULTI-FAMILY:** A single residential building containing three or more dwelling units and designed for occupancy by three or more families.

**NFPA:** National Fire Protection Association.

## REQUIREMENTS:

1. The need for an automatic fire protection sprinkler system shall be reviewed and determined by the Planning Board under Site Plan Review regulation using the above provisions with the assistance of the Grantham Fire Department. Emphasis for review purposes shall be weighted towards the preservation of human life. It shall be anticipated that Phase I of the Site Plan Review process shall meet the needs for determination purposes of the requirement for an AFPS system. All waivers shall be recorded.

2. All required AFPS systems shall be designed and installed by a fire protection sprinkler company or other qualified designer/installer acceptable to the Fire Chief/Board of Fire Engineers.

3. The AFPS system constructed shall be designed and installed in accordance with either NFPA 13, NFPA 13D or NFPA 13R.

4. If an AFPS is deemed necessary under the Site Plan Review process, working plans for said sprinkler system shall be submitted for Phase II of the Site Plan Review Process following prior consultation with the Fire Chief/Board of Engineers as to specific needs. These plans should have the Fire Chief's/Board of Engineers'

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approval prior to Phase II submission. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the qualified designer/installer is present at such a meeting to qualify the type of sprinkler system required prior to submission for Phase II.

5. The AFPS installer shall test the completed system in accordance with the requirements for the type of system and shall furnish a completed contractor's Material and Test Certificate to the Grantham Fire Department.

The AFPS system installer shall provide the Fire Department with at least 72 hours notice of the date and time of the required system tests in order that the Fire Chief or Board of Fire Engineers may monitor such tests.

In the event of conflict between the requirements of this ordinance and the requirement of any referenced publication or documents, the requirements of this ordinance shall take precedence.

**Rationale:** The Planning Board's amendment is the result of work as composed by the Sprinkler Review Ordinance Committee as charged by the Board of Selectmen. The Town has experienced difficulty and contradictions in the administration of the ordinance as currently composed, and the above proposed amendment to the ordinance is designed to make the ordinance manageable and more workable without losing sight of the need to protect human life.

**ARTICLE 4:** "Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the existing Grantham Zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?"

**1. AMEND ARTICLE IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION D PARAGRAPH 1** by inserting the following between the first and second sentences of paragraph 1:

"Lots with front on two highways, streets, or roadway rights of way (i.e. corner lots) shall be set back a minimum of thirty-five (35) feet from both such rights of way."

**Rationale:** The Planning Board recommends the inclusion of a setback definition for a corner lot to be inclusive of both road frontages. The setback required for both frontages will ensure safe provision for road plowing purposes and safe positioning for any building. The current language is ambiguous in the Zoning Ordinance, and may lead to confusion in the interpretation.

Total votes cast on Article 4 - Amendment 1 were 266; yes votes were 204; no votes were 62.

*Amendment 1 passed.*

**2. AMEND ARTICLE X DEFINITIONS** by adding the following sentence to the definition of Frontage:

"Lots which front on two (2) such highways, streets, or roadway rights of way (i.e. corner lots) shall be considered as having frontage on both such rights of way."

**Rationale:** The above amendment is simply to define

corner lot frontage in reference to Amendment #1.

Total votes cast on Article 4 - Amendment 2 were 262.

Yes votes were 209; no votes were 53.

*Amendment 2 passed.*

**3. AMEND ARTICLE X DEFINITIONS** by adding "or Class VI road" following "or private right of way" to the definition of Road or Street or Highway.

**Rationale:** The above inclusion of Class VI road will ensure that any building constructed on a Class VI road will be required to conform to setback requirements as per the Grantham Zoning ordinance.

Total votes cast on Article 4 - Amendment 3 were 260.

Yes votes were 202; no votes were 58.

*Amendment 3 passed.*

**4. AMEND ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION D PARAGRAPH 1** by adding after the first sentence "The setback requirements apply with respect to any road, public or private, Town maintained or Class VI."

**Rationale:** The inclusion of the above sentence simply clarifies that setback requirements are applicable to all types of roads/right of ways and supports the first sentence which states what the setbacks are applicable to.

Total votes cast on Article 4 - Amendment 4 were 250.

Yes votes were 196; no votes were 60.

*Amendment 4 passed.*

**5. AMEND ARTICLE III ESTABLISHMENT of DISTRICTS and DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTION B** following the first paragraph by adding:

"All proposed commercial use(s), and permitted Special Exception usage shall be subject to the Site Plan Review process conducted by the Planning Board. Any changes in the current use(s) of commercial property, and Special Exceptions shall, also, seek input from the Planning Board for Site Plan Review purposes."

**Rationale:** The inclusion of the above simply clarifies and alerts property owners as to when the Town of Grantham would require the instigation of the Site Plan Review process.

Total vote cast on Article 4 - Amend 5 was 256. Yes votes were 201; no votes were 55.

*Amendment 5 passed.*

**6. INSERT a NEW SECTION to COVER the SHORE LAND PROTECTION ACT:**

## **ARTICLE IV-A**

### **SHORE LAND/RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT**

**1. AUTHORITY & PURPOSE:** Pursuant to the Authority granted by RSA 674:16, this Ordinance is adopted by the Town of Grantham in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to conserve and protect water quality and aquatic and terrestrial habitat associated with lakes, ponds, and rivers.

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Hampshire's lakes, ponds and rivers is overlaid by soil types characterized by above average erosion and drainage hazards. These lands require conservation and land management practices which minimize environmental and aesthetic degradation.

**2. SHORE LAND/RIVER OVERLAY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:** The Overlay District extends to a line two hundred and fifty feet (250) from the ordinary high water mark. As per RSA 483-B:4 "Public Boundary Line" means:

a. For natural fresh water bodies without artificial impoundments, the natural mean high water level as determined by the division of water resources of the department.

b. For artificially impounded fresh water bodies, the waterline at full pond as determined by the elevation of the top of the impoundment structure.

**3. PERMITTED USES:** The following uses are permitted provided they shall be conducted according to applicable provisions:

a. Docks for boating and swimming, dams and bridges are permitted subject to required State permits and local zoning standards. Beach construction and replenishments are also permitted subject to state permits and standards.

b. Single Family residences, and accessory uses provided that all buildings shall be set back a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from normal high water level and constructed in accordance with the erosion control requirements of Section 6. Accessory structures such as storage sheds, gazebos, and boathouses, but excluding automobile garages may be located within the 75-foot setback as a Special Exception provided:

i. the location and construction of the structure is consistent with the intent of the ordinance to maintain a vegetated buffer.

ii. the structure is usually customary and incidental to a legally authorized use located within the Shore Land/River Overlay.

c. Subsurface sewage disposal facilities provided that they shall be set back in accordance with the State requirements, namely 125 feet where soils data indicates that the receiving soil downgradient of the leach field is a porous sand and gravel material with a percolation rate faster than two minutes per inch; 100 feet where the soils map indicates the presence of all soils with restrictive layers within 18 inches of the natural soil surface; 75 feet where the soils map indicates the presence of all other types of soils. Adjacent to rivers, septic system leach fields shall be no less than 75 feet from the high water mark.

d. Stairways and walkways with a maximum width of four (4) feet are permitted provided adequate soils ero-

sion control measures are implemented as outlined in Section 6.

## **4. GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

a. The traveled portion of a road shall be set back a minimum of 75 feet from the ordinary high water mark except for bridges, bridge approaches, and access ways for fire fighting equipment and boat launches. All new roads shall be constructed in accordance with an erosion and sediment control plan approved by the Grantham Planning Board as part of the final subdivision application and approval.

b. Lots within the Shore Land/River Overlay District shall not be used as common areas for waterfront access or for the purpose of granting deeded rights or access to residents of multiple units and/or non-waterfront properties, regardless of the location of such properties, except as provided herein and subject to Planning Board approval. For the purpose of this section, the term "common area" shall mean an area used by a group of three (3) or more unrelated persons or by an association, club or organization consisting of three (3) or more members.

c. Rights to gain access to a water body by or through a shore land lot shall not be created or attached to any real estate. Waterfront access shall be gained only in accordance with the standards set forth below and subject to Planning Board approval.

**5. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS for RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT with WATERFRONT ACCESS:** All residential development with shore frontage or rights of access to shore frontage shall meet the following minimum frontage of two hundred (200) feet.

All residential development with shore frontage or rights of access to shore frontage shall meet the following minimum requirements:

a. Each dwelling unit with direct water access and whose shore frontage is part of the lot dimension shall have a minimum shore frontage of two hundred (200) feet.

b. Lots within the Shore Land Overlay District used as common waterfront areas or for the purpose of waterfront access shall meet the following criteria:

i. The shore from common area shall contain a minimum two (2) acres.

ii. The shore front common area shall have a minimum of two hundred feet of shore frontage for the first dwelling unit or member have a right of use, and an additional ten (10) feet of shore frontage for each additional dwelling unit or member.

iii. No building shall be permitted other than toilet and changing facilities. Toilet facilities, approved by the NH Water Supply and Pollution Control Division of the Dept. of Environmental Services shall be provided.

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iv. No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total shore frontage may be dedicated to docks or other structures designed to accommodate boating. All docks require a permit from the New Hampshire Wetlands Board. Applications for dock permits shall be reviewed by the Conservation Commission. In making its recommendations to the Wetlands Board, and Planning Board, the Conservation Commission shall consider the size and depth of the water area, the total shore frontage proposed for the common area, boat traffic already existing in the area, impact on neighboring property owner, protection of water quality, wildlife habitat, and public safety.

v. Unless waived by the Planning Board, following a public hearing, one off-street parking space shall be provided for each dwelling unit situated more than 1/4 mile from the shore front common area. Parking areas shall be set back a minimum of 75 feet from normal high water. A buffer of natural vegetation shall be maintained between the beach and/or docking area and the parking area to screen the parking area from the lake and to enhance erosion control. The buffer may include facilities permitted within the shore front area.

c. Any use of the common area or area of access for business or commercial purposes shall be subject to the provisions of Special Exception.

## 6. EROSION CONTROL:

a. Construction: Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for all construction, filling grading, dredging and other activities requiring land disturbance within the first 75 feet of the normal high water level within the Shore Land Overlay District.

b. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be required for construction, filling, grading, dredging, and other activities disturbing an area of more than 2,500 sq. ft. which is located beyond the first 75 feet from normal high water within the Shore Land Overlay District.

c. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall describe the nature and purpose of the land disturbing activity; the amount of grading involved; and a description of the soils, topography, vegetation, and drainage. For minor land disturbances such as utility line or stairway construction, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the amount of detail needed in an erosion control plan. The Board of Selectmen shall review and decide to approve or deny all plans before issuing a building permit, and may require the applicant to post a bond or other security to assure conformance with approved plans. The security shall not be released until the Board of Selectmen has certified completion of the required improvements in accordance with the plan. The Board of Selectmen shall request the Conservation Commission to review the plan

and make recommendations.

d. All construction and/or development activities shall incorporate design standards for erosion and sedimentation control which at a minimum reflect the recommendations of the publication, "Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook for Urban and Developing Areas in New Hampshire," prepared for the Department of Environmental Services by the Rockingham County Conservation District, in cooperation with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, August 1992.

7. WOODLAND BUFFER: The preservation of natural vegetation on the shore land is important for the protection of the water quality of the lakes and ponds, the preservation of the aesthetic quality of the shore land, and the control of erosion. A Cutting Plan with removal of natural vegetation shall be submitted to the Grantham Conservation Commission in order to provide review and recommendation and to ensure compliance to the following standards:

i. Where existing, a natural woodland buffer shall be maintained within 150 feet of ordinary high water mark. The purpose of this buffer shall be to protect the quality of public waters by minimizing erosion, preventing siltation and turbidity, stabilizing soils, preventing excess nutrients and chemical pollution, maintaining natural water temperatures, maintaining a health tree canopy and understory, preserving fish, bird, and wildlife habitat, and respecting the overall condition of the protected shore land. These standards do not apply to forestry involving water supply reservoir watershed management or agriculture conducted in accordance with best management practices.

ii. Within the natural woodland buffer of the protected shore land under conditions defined in RSA 483-B:9,V the following shall apply:

iii. Not more than a maximum of 50 percent of the basal area of trees and a maximum of 50 percent of the total number of saplings shall be removed for any purpose in a 20-year period. A healthy, well-distributed stand of trees, saplings, shrubs and ground covers and their living, undamaged root systems shall be left in place. Replacement planting with native or naturalized species may be permitted to maintain the 50 percent level.

iv. Trees, sapling, shrubs and ground covers which are removed to clear an opening for building construction, accessory structures, septic systems, roadways, pathways, and parking areas shall be excluded when computing the percentage limitations under section 6.b.iii.

v. Dead, diseased, unsafe, noxious or fallen trees, sapling, shrubs or ground cover may be removed. Their

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**Moderator Merle Schotanus at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting.**

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removal shall not be used in computing the percentage limitations under section 6.b.iii.

vi. Stumps and their root systems which are located within 50 feet of the high water mark shall be left intact in the ground.

8. **GRASS LAWNS:** Existing grass lawns and open areas with either bare ground or weed cover within 50 feet of normal high water are encouraged to be converted and replanted with a natural vegetative cover consisting of indigenous species of ground cover, shrubs, and trees. When necessary due to steep topography, retaining walls may be permitted to be installed as part of an overall plan to revegetate the buffer strip. New terraces formed by the retaining walls within 50 feet of normal high water must be replanted with natural vegetation consisting of indigenous species of bushes, shrubs, and trees. These terraces may not be used to create new grass lawns, or to create more impervious surfaces such as stone patios, and decks. Construction of retaining walls within 50 feet of normal high water which would require the removal of existing natural vegetative cover is not permitted unless it can be demonstrated through an erosion and sediment control plan that such retaining wall construction is essential for erosion control purposes. Construction of new lawns within 50 feet of normal high water is not permitted.

9. **NON-CONFORMING LOTS of RECORD, STRUCTURES, & USES:** Non-Conforming Lots of Record: It is

recognized that there may exist non-conforming lots of record within the Shore Land/River Overlay District which may be difficult or impossible to develop based on the above standards. A Landowner of a non-conforming lot of record who is unable to comply with the standards as outlined in the Overlay Ordinance may apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief from these standards. The applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Zoning Board of Adjustment that:

- i. The land for development of the non-conforming lot complies with the standards as outlined in Article IVA to the maximum extent feasible;
- ii. The plan for development of the non-conforming lot complies with the dimensional controls for setbacks and building height of the underlying zoning district, and with all other provisions of the Grantham Zoning Ordinance.

**Non-Conforming Structures:** Existing non-conforming structures which do not comply with the dimensional requirements of this ordinance may remain in use. No change in such a structure is permitted which would result in increasing the non-conformity, in other words, a non-conforming structure which encroaches on a required setback, side or rear may not encroach further into that required area as part of any construction activity. The only exception to extend property towards the ordinary high water mark would be the encroachment of a 12-foot open deck or porch (unheated).

**Non-Conforming Uses:** Existing uses which are non-conforming under this ordinance may continue until the use ceases to be active or is discontinued for a period of one year? An existing non-conforming use may not be changed to another non-conforming use, existing non-conforming uses shall be required to meet the shore land natural buffer, drainage, and related water quality protection requirements of this ordinance to the maximum extent possible.

10. **LAND CLEARING for AGRICULTURE PURPOSES:** All agricultural activities and operations in the state as defined in RSA 21:34-a and as governed by RSA 430, including the use of animal manure, lime, wood ash, irrigation and the clearing of land for agricultural utilization and other agricultural technologies, shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance, provided such activities and operations are in the best management practices determined by the US Dept. of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, the US Dept. of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and the Dept. of Agriculture. Persons carrying out such agricultural activities, and operations in the protected shore land shall work directly with the local representatives of the above agencies for their particular property.

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**Rationale:** The Shore Land Protection Act as passed by the State of New Hampshire provides for standards that are minimums. The adoption of the above ordinance will provide standards that are currently applicable within Grantham's Zoning Ordinance, and provides for environmentally sound planning and protection of the water resources of the town together with erosion control and timber management.

Total vote cast on Article 4. - Amendment 6 was 257. Yes votes were 200; No votes were 57.

*Amendment 6 was passed.*

**7. AMEND ARTICLE X DEFINITIONS** by adding the following definitions alphabetically to the existing Article to define terms used in the proposed Shore Land Ordinance.

**Ground Cover:** Any herbaceous or woody vegetation which normally grows to a mature height of four (4) feet.

**Ordinary High Water Mark:** The line on the shore, running parallel to the main stem of the river, established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the immediate bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas. Where the ordinary high water mark is not easily discernible, the ordinary high water mark may be determined by the Department of Environmental Services.

**Natural Woodland Buffer:** A forested area consisting of various species of trees, saplings, shrubs and ground covers in any combination and at any stage of growth.

**Protected Shore Land:** Natural fresh water bodies without artificial impoundments, for artificially impounded fresh water bodies and rivers, all land located within 250 feet of the natural high water mark of public waters.

**Public Waters:** "Public Water" shall include:

a. all fresh water bodies listed in the official list of public water published by the department pursuant to RSA 271:20 II whether they are great ponds or artificial impoundments:

b. rivers, meaning all year round flowing waters of fourth order or higher, as shown on the current version of the US Geological Survey 7.5' topographic maps.

**Sapling:** Any woody plant which normally grows to a mature height greater than 20 feet and has a diameter less than 6 inches at a point 4.5 feet above ground.

Total vote cast on Article 4 - Amendment 7 was 257. Yes votes were 201; No votes were 56.

*Amendment 7 was passed.*

**ARTICLE 5:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$318,806 to defray the cost of General Government operations." (Majority vote required.)

	1995	1996
Executive	\$ 67,803	\$ 87,208
Election & Registration	34,074	41,894
Financial Administration	23,039	25,951
Revaluation/Tax Maps	8,500	8,000
Legal	5,000	5,000
Personnel Administration	65,164	71,728
Planning Board	4,495	4,475
Zoning Board	1,125	1,125
General Government Buildings	40,019	34,615
Cemeteries	4,656	7,000
Insurance	28,000	30,000
Regional Associations	1,260	1,310

**TOTALS** **\$283,135    \$318,806**

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 5 as written."

Seconded by Alden Pillsbury.

Amended by Jean Sutherland: "I move to increase the Executive line item by \$500 to \$87,708; the bottom line to now read \$319,306."

Amendment seconded by Bill Mannix.

Jean Sutherland explained the \$500 is set up cost for a volunteer service center in Grantham; most of the money would be used to cover mailing costs. This is related to Project 2001 & Beyond.

Moderator called for the vote.

*Amendment adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

Motion amended by William Hutchins: "I move to amend Article 5 as amended by increasing the General Government Buildings line by \$4,000 to read \$38,615; the bottom line to now read \$323,306."

Amendment seconded by Myron Cummings.

William Hutchins explained the \$4,000 was to pay the cost of doing work on the chimney and ceiling in the Town Office.

Moderator called for the vote.

*Amendment adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

Moderator asked if there was further discussion on Article 5 as amended. Richard Horton asked for an explanation of the increase in the Executive line item from \$67,803 to \$87,208.

Selectman Hutchins responded approximately \$19,000 of this increase was to cover street numbering and maps; \$8,500 was for software; also covers a substantial increase in the Administrator's salary as agreed when she was hired; across the board increases for all personnel both merit and cost of living. Mr. Hutchins went on to give a detailed breakdown of the line items in Article 5.

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There being no further discussion, the Moderator then called for the vote on Article 5 as amended.

*Article 5 as amended was passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 6:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriated the sum of \$185,377 to defray the cost of Public Safety operations." (*Majority vote required.*)

	1995	1996
Police Department	\$114,887	\$114,519
FAST Squad / Ambulance	14,550	20,350
Fire Department	43,275	50,258
Forest Fire	250	250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$172,962</b>	<b>\$185,377</b>

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Alden Pillsbury: "I move Article 6 as written."

Motion seconded by Dennis Howard.

Selectman Pillsbury explained the appropriation by line item. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 6 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 7:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$282,112 to defray the cost of Public Works operations." (*Majority vote required.*)

	1995	1996
Highway Administration	\$130,770	\$136,515
Street Lights	4,432	4,457
Solid Waste Collection	35,257	43,575
Waste Disposal	86,600	94,000
Solid Waste Clean-up/Disposal	100	3,565
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$257,159</b>	<b>\$282,112</b>

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 7 as written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Selectman Hutchins explained the changes in the line items.

Mr. Hutchins spoke at length regarding the current situation and the short term outlook for the NH/VT Solid Waste District.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote;

*Article 7 was passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 8:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,727 to defray the cost of Health & Welfare operations." (*Majority vote required.*)

	1995	1996
Parks and Recreation	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Dunbar Free Library	39,500	50,171
Town Archives	500	500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>\$52,671</b>

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Myron Cummings: "I move Article 9 as written."

Seconded by Barbara Wells.

Amendment by James McClune: "I move to amend Article 9. by raising the Library line by \$1,000 to read \$51,171.

Seconded by Joey Holmes.

James McClune, Library Trustee explained this was a typographical error and the bottom line figure now reads \$53,671.

The Moderator recognized Jeff Figley who pointed out that this figure is also incorrect on page 10 of the Town Report. This was duly noted by the Selectmen.

Moderator called for the vote on amendment to Article 9.

*Amendment passed by unanimous voice vote.*



**Library Trustees Joey Holmes and Jim McClune.**

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

Selectman Cummings explained the increase in the Library line item was attributable to an increase in operating hours, pay raises, painting the building and increases in normal operating expenses. In response to a question regarding travel expense, Mr. Cummings

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replied this was mileage reimbursement for library Trustees who attended workshops or seminars.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on Article 9 as amended.

*Article 9 as amended was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 10:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Conservation and Tax Anticipation Notes." (*Majority vote required.*)

	1995	1996
Conservation Administration	\$500	\$500
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Alden Pillsbury: "I move Article 10 as written."

Seconded by Deborah Cheever.

Selectman Pillsbury explained the appropriation. When asked if she would care to speak on behalf of the Conservation Commission's appropriation, Connie Howard suggested the Town might wish to inspect the display set up by the Conservation Commission.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 10 was adopted by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 11:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (i) \$115,000 for the purposes of contracting and conducting a townwide revaluation of all properties including land and buildings and (ii) authorize the use/transfer of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) of the December 31, 1995, fund balance in aforementioned amount for this purpose."

*(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE — The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

Motion by Myron Cummings: "I move Article 11 as written."

Seconded by William Mannix.

Selectman Cummings spoke in support of this article and gave an explanation of what the Board of Selectmen hope will be accomplished if this Article is adopted.

The Moderator asked for questions from the floor.

Mary Zengis asked to be recognized, however, the Moderator questioned her status as a registered voter in the Town. After a check was made with the Supervisors of the Checklist, it was determined Mrs. Zengis is not on the checklist. The Moderator informed Mrs. Zengis she would not be allowed to address the Town Meeting without a vote of those present. Mrs. Zengis retired to her seat.

The Moderator pointed out that same day registration is possible for ballot voting only.

A lengthy discussion period ensued with many questions regarding the dynamics involved in property revaluation as well as the merits of the process versus the cost.

The Moderator recognized Leslie Taylor who stated "Can we move the question." The Moderator declined to entertain that motion and asked for further discussion of the Article.

Robert Guyette and Charles Amick made explanatory statements regarding the proposed revaluation.

Richard Horton asked, "Can we move the question?" The Moderator declined. Further discussion ensued regarding pros and cons of property revaluation. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote, however, was unable to determine the result of the voice vote. Moderator then summoned ballot clerks Sandra Palermo and Connie Howard to count a show of hands vote.

*Article 11 was adopted by majority vote with 93 Yes votes and 15 No votes.*

**ARTICLE 12:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,000 for the repair of the Municipal Building (Gymnasium) roof. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the roof repair is completed or in two (2) years, whichever is less."

*(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE — The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

Motion by Alden Pillsbury: "I move Article 12 as written."

Seconded by Charles Rogers.

Selectmen Pillsbury spoke regarding the leakage problem in the Municipal Building.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 12 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 13:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the purposes of re-establishing an "Old Home Day" festival."

*(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE — The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.**

Motion by Warren Kimball: "I move Article 13 as written."

Seconded by Cynthia Towle.

Mr. Kimball explained this proposal is one of the outcomes of Project 2001 & Beyond and went on to described some of the plans for the festival including plans for a parade.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 13 was adopted by majority voice vote.*

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**ARTICLE 14:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Phase II Addition of the Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 14 of the 1993 Town Meeting." *(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE** — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Myron Cummings: "I move Article 14 as written."

Seconded by Cynthia Towle.

Selectmen Cummings explained the purpose of this appropriation.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 14 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 15:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,464 to add to the Phase II Addition of the Dunbar Free Library Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 14 of the 1993 Town Meeting and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the gift of \$1,464 from the Library Trustees for such purposes." *(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE** — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Myron Cummings: "I move Article 15 as written."

Seconded by Robert Parsons.

Selectman Cummings explained this article.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 15 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 16:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Town Highway Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established." *(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE** — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 16 as written."

Seconded by Sandra Palermo.

Selectmen Hutchins explained the purpose of this appropriation.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 16 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 17:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established." *(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE** — *The Board of Selectmen*

*recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 17 as written."

Seconded by William Mannix.

Selectman Hutchins explained this article and acknowledged the cooperation of the department head with thanks in developing budgets.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 17 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

At this time, the Moderator called the following citizens to the front of the meeting floor:

Carol Weiss (absent)

Marcie Levine-Holdowski (absent)

Shirley Curtis

Robert Guyette

George Bond

Hervie Haufler

Betty Mutney (absent)

The Moderator then called upon Selectman Hutchins who publicly thanked these citizens for their volunteer service to the Town and presented each with a gift. Upon request from Connie Howard, Mr. Hutchins read the list of service for which each was being honored.

At this time, the Moderator recessed the meeting for lunch with a reminder that lunch is being served at the Town Hall by the P.T.O.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

**ARTICLE 18:** "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve as established by the 1995 Town Meeting and to designate the Board of Selectmen as Agents to expend said funds." *(Majority vote required.)*

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE** — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 18 as written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Selectman Hutchins explained this addition to the Capital Reserve Fund.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 18 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 19:** "To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring or developing additional recreational fields, or for the purpose of acquiring or developing property for use as a "Town Green", and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in this fund."

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*(Majority vote required.)*

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE — SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Carl Hanson: "I move Article 19 as written."

Seconded by Art Hamm.

Amendment by Alden Pillsbury: "I move the following amendment: to delete the period after the word fund (the last word in the article) and add the words 'and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend said funds.'"

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Selectman Pillsbury explained his amendment was to free the hands of the Selectmen in the event the Town wanted to expend the funds without having to wait until Town Meeting to get the authorization.

Carl Hanson stated he was not opposed to this amendment.

The Moderator called for the vote on the Article as amended.

Amendment to Article 19 as amended.

*Article 19 as amended was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

ARTICLE 20: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,031 for the purposes of a Combination Softball-Baseball Pitching Machine and Equipment for the Grantham Recreation Department."

*(Majority vote required.)*

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE — SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE — *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Motion by Cindy Dyer: "I move Article 20 as written."

Seconded by Karen Wentzel.

Mrs. Dyer spoke in favor of this appropriation stating the children in Grantham had already risen \$400 toward this piece of equipment.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 20 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

Moderator Schotanus announced this marked the end of the money articles. The Moderator read the new total budget figure of \$1,078,288 that is offset by revenues of \$549,710 with the remainder to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 21: "To see if the Town will approve the change from an elected Tax Collector for a term of three (3) years, said appointment to be applicable in 1998."

*(Majority vote required.)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 21 as

written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Selectman Hutchins stated the Board feels it is necessary to adopt this article as a policy move primarily because responsibility and authority were not together as constructed anymore. He stated the overall efficiency of the town office operation would be enhanced by this move.

Selectman Cummings stated the decision to seek this change was made based on a policy decision of what is best for the town. Mr. Cummings went on to say the 1990 Town Meeting set the number of hours worked per week at 25 and also sets the pay to be an annual salary that had been confirmed by the Department of Revenue Administration and this meant the Selectmen could not change anything. Mr. Cummings stated the Town had bound the Selectmen by the decision made in 1990.

Mr. Cummings stated the Selectmen would like to have a Tax Collector available 30 working days prior to each tax collecting period in the Town Office, but noted the Selectmen could not have this when the Tax Collector/Town Clerk works the same hours year-round. Mr. Cummings said the Selectmen would like to have daily deposits of taxes paid, but as it now stood, this is an elected position and Mr. Cummings observed the Selectmen can only request; they could not require.

Mr. Cummings stated the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and her deputy work the same hours so the Selectmen could not expand those office hours. Mr. Cummings noted the law states the Tax Collector can have only one deputy and related to the meeting that the Board of Selectmen had appointed two additional deputies in December only to find they had acted illegally.

Mr. Cummings stated taxpayers should have the right to pay in person and have their bills receipted. He said a proposal to have a drop box was not acceptable since this did not provide means to give a receipt. Mr. Cummings re-iterated the action taken at the 1990 Town Meeting had tied the hands of the Selectmen by stating salary and number of hours. Mr. Cummings ended his address to the meeting with a request that the article be adopted.

Mr. Pillsbury addressed the meeting saying the town had changed from an elected Road Agent to an appointed Road Agent. That had given the Selectmen control of the position in the event of complaints and this had worked out very well in the case of the Road Agent position. Mr. Pillsbury noted a similar situation exists with the Tax Collector position, however, Mr. Pillsbury said there was no problem with the Tax Collector.

Mr. Pillsbury continued stating if the townspeople want the Selectmen to be responsible for the things that go on in town to be "user friendly", to have some

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recourse for people to go back to the Selectmen; the Selectmen should be where the buck stops and right now there was only one position in town where this was not the case, the Tax Collector position. Mr. Pillsbury stated this article would take effect in 1998, but if we want to change it, it has to be voted this year.

The Moderator recognized Joey Holmes who asked what would happen if Article 2 is voted down?

Selectmen Cummings responded that this would all be moot and the board would have to start again next year if they so decide.

The Moderator recognized Charles Amick who asked if the previous action of Town Meeting 1990 had frozen the salary.

Selectman Cummings responded it had not and the Board could give increases in compensation but that was all they could do.

The Moderator recognized Jeff Figley who asked if the article is adopted will this result in two separate positions.

Selectman Pillsbury responded that it may or may not; the same person elected Town Clerk might be appointed Tax Collector like it is now.

Mr. Figley expressed an opinion that his ability to have input by voting for an elected official allows a certain objectivity and impartiality in the position that a person who is appointed might not enjoy. Mr. Figley stated he had doubts that any benefit gained would offset his personal loss of input and also stated he had no complaints about the present elected office and could foresee the development of added costs.

The Moderator recognized Robert Schwartz who asked what positive benefits, other than redress to the Selectmen, would be gained by this change?

Selectmen Hutchins responded that it would be possible to have quicker response to complaints.

Selectman Pillsbury responded that it would mean better control of hours and would run a better office that would be open when it needed to be; things Selectmen don't have control over now.

Mr. Schwartz continued to dialogue with the Selectmen regarding hours of operation and asked if changing this position to an appointed one would consolidate the power of the electorate to the Selectmen.

Selectman Hutchins responded, "You're absolutely right."

Mr. Schwartz referred to a remark made earlier by Selectman Pillsbury that there was no problem with the Tax Collector and observed, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it."

Selectman Hutchins stated this move was for efficiency and said he had hoped we wouldn't get into that, but there had been. Mr. Schwartz questioned the ability

of the Selectmen to act quickly to address problems in the office and this was further discussed.

The Moderator recognized William Jacobsmeyer who pointed out to the Selectmen that the motion stipulates a three-year term for the appointment.

Selectmen Cummings rejected the premise that this would lock the town into a three-year commitment.

The Moderator recognized Connie Howard who wanted to know why the town could use the State laws and regulations to address a problem of any elected official not fulfilling the duties of the office and then the town wouldn't be stuck because a mistake was made in electing somebody.

Selectmen Cummings responded, "If you're elected in the State of New Hampshire, about the only thing the Selectmen can do — we'd have to go to Court to do it — is that if someone stole funds, then we'd have to go to Court and remove the individual that way. We cannot go out and outright fire somebody that's elected, it's not allowed."

The Moderator recognized Charles Amick who stated he thought Bill Jacobsmeyer's comment was well taken and suggested eliminating the term "three years".

The Moderator asked the Selectmen if they wished to consider this.

Amendment made by Myron Cummings: "I move to amend Article 21 by deleting the words "for a term of three years."

Seconded by Charles Amick.

There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Amendment to Article 21 was adopted by majority voice vote.*

The Moderator invited further discussion of Article 21 as amended and recognized Pamela Hanson who asked questions about how the state laws applied to the offices of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Mrs. Hanson wanted to know would the selectmen be required to advertise, interview and hire for this position or could they choose anyone they liked?

Selectman Cummings responded that they can choose, but they don't.

Mrs. Hanson then inquired whether the town could vote to give the Selectmen discretionary power to change the hours of the Tax Collector.

Selectman Cummings responded it could not be done this year because it had not been properly warned, but could be done another year.

The Moderator recognized Susan Figley who wanted to know what was the Board's idea of expanded hours?

Selectman Cummings responded that comments from the public indicated a desire for additional hours 30 days prior to the due date of taxes.

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Mrs. Figley spoke regarding efficiency of operation: the Town now has hours in the daytime and evening and there is the option of mailing, and wasn't that efficient?

Selectman Cummings responded that people want to come in at all hours and the Tax Collector isn't there.

Mrs. Figley pointed out that the hours of the Tax Collector's office are printed on the bill and if people can't arrange their lives and manage their affairs then, shame on them. This drew a round of applause.

The Moderator recognized Kevin Cheever who asked if the revaluation project would add to the work load of the Tax Collector.

Frances Hastings, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, pointed out that the property revaluation has little impact on the Tax Collector since it is the responsibility of the office of the Selectmen. Mrs. Hastings noted also that instructions for receiving a receipted bill when paying by mail are printed on the back of the tax bills.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Nicholas May who asked if there is a job description, proposed hours, remuneration and a second part of his question was exactly what was the problem this action was supposed to solve?

Selectman Cummings responded that no job description exists; however, the duties of the Tax Collector are defined by State law and the hours are defined by State law.

Selectman Pillsbury responded to the second part of Rev. May's question by stating, "This action is supposed to solve the problem: if you can't get an answer that you like or if you may be treated or may not be treated well, there is nothing you can do about it. We have no recourse — you have to take whatever the Tax Collector may or may not give you and be satisfied. If you weren't satisfied what would you do — if it's an appointed position you would have recourse. I'm not saying there's a problem with our Tax Collector; I'm saying if she's appointed you have recourse. We're not talking about personalities here; we're talking about a job."

The Moderator recognized William Mannix who stated he had a problem every time he came in for a registration and couldn't understand a Town that did not take tax payments five days a week.

Mrs. Hastings was recognized by the Moderator and inquired of Mr. Mannix was it not true that he wanted both offices open for business 5 days per week? Mr. Mannix affirmed this.

The Moderator recognized Cynthia Towle who stated at one time the Town Clerk and Tax Collector were two separate positions and why were the positions combined in the first place?

Mrs. Hastings responded that the positions were combined in 1987 and 1988 with the recommendation of that Board of Selectmen. It was then explained by

Selectman Pillsbury that in those days the Tax Collector position was awarded by a bid procedure and the Town Clerk was an elected position by State statute.

Mrs. Hastings explained that positions were combined to give more efficient use to the townspeople and to expand the Tax Collector's hours which, at that time, had the Tax Collector in the Town Office for 2 hours per week. Mrs. Hastings stated she was the Town Clerk at that time and had office hours for 14 hours per week so they combined the positions and left it at 25 open hours per week which did not mean that was the only hours worked. Mrs. Hastings explained there are many tasks that have to be done during closed hours and the position was left elected because the Town Clerk must be an elected position by law.

The Moderator recognized Carrie Hastings who expressed concern that there would not be enough traffic in the town office to justify the additional hours.

The Moderator called for further discussion; there being none, the Moderator called for the vote. A voice vote proved to be inconclusive, therefore the Moderator summoned the ballot clerks and asked for a show of hands. The first vote by show of hands was unacceptable due to a question on the count, therefore the Moderator called for a second show of hands.

*Article 21 as amended was adopted by a majority vote;  
Yes votes were 29 and No votes were 25.*

**ARTICLE 22:** "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1-c which authorizes any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax?"

*(Majority vote required.)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

Motion by Alden Pillsbury: "I move Article 22 as written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings.

Selectman Pillsbury gave an explanation of the Selectmen's support for this article.

A brief discussion followed and the Moderator then called for the vote.

*Article 22 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 23:** "To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year provided the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000."

*(Majority vote required.)*

*The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.*

Motion by William Hutchins: "I move Article 23 as written."

Seconded by Myron Cummings

Selectman Hutchins gave an explanation of this

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Article.

The Moderator recognized Shirley Curtis who questioned if this would throw the entire cost of the Social Security tax onto the employee when they filed year-end tax return.

The Moderator recognized Shannon Hastings and Janis Hastings, respectively, who also asked questions regarding the tax liability.

The Selectmen assured the questions that the employees impacted by this Article would be exempted from self-employment tax which might result from the Town not withholding Social Security tax. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

*Article 23 was adopted by majority voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 24:** "To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."

Moderator Schotanus explained this article allows very limited actions.

Reports were received from the following people:

Jean Sutherland reported on Project 2001 & Beyond.

G. Warren Kimball reported on Old Home Day.

Charles Amick reported on Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund.

Carl Hanson reported on Recreation Committee of Project 2001 & Beyond.

Moderator Schotanus asked for nominations to fill the office of Hog Reeves.

Cynthia Towle nominated Patricia Wells Bogue and Gary Bogue to fill the office of Hog Reeves. The Moderator called for a vote of those in favor of having the Clerk cast one ballot for Patricia Wells Bogue and Gary Bogue.

*This was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

Moderator Schotanus called for nominations to fill the office of Fence Viewers.

Frances Hastings nominated Allan and Shirley MacNicol. The Moderator called for a vote to have the Clerk cast one ballot for Allan and Shirley MacNicol to fill the office of Fence Viewers.

*This was adopted unanimously.*

The Moderator recognized Selectman Cummings who spoke regarding the revised format of the 1995 Town Report and explained there is a contest open to all townspeople to design a Grantham Town Seal. Mr. Cummings explained the winner will get nothing except recognition for the winning design. All designs were to be submitted to the Selectmen by July 1, 1996.

The Moderator recognized Town Clerk, Frances



**Barbara and Dr. Ed Wells at Town Meeting.**

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

Hastings who made a correction in the birth section of the vital statistics pages in the Town Report with the addition of Nick Shepherd, son of Ronald and Carol Shepherd.

The Moderator recognized Connie Howard who asked that the following corrections be made in the Cemetery Report in the Town Report on page 57:

Paragraph #2 should read "A more permanent sign was designed by Dennis Howard and constructed by Ed Buckman." Paragraph #6 should read, "... amount for repairing of gravestones at Dunbar Hill and Hill Dale ..."

The Moderator recognized Selectman Hutchins who made a statement recognizing the commendable job done this winter keeping the roads clear by Joe Newcomb, Road Agent, and his assistant.

Moderator Schotanus spoke briefly of the Grantham Crisis Fund and the upcoming fund-raising events for the benefit of this charitable organization.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Horton.

Seconded by Robert Parsons.

The Moderator adjourned the 1996 Town Meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Hastings ■ Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shirley Curtis ■ Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector



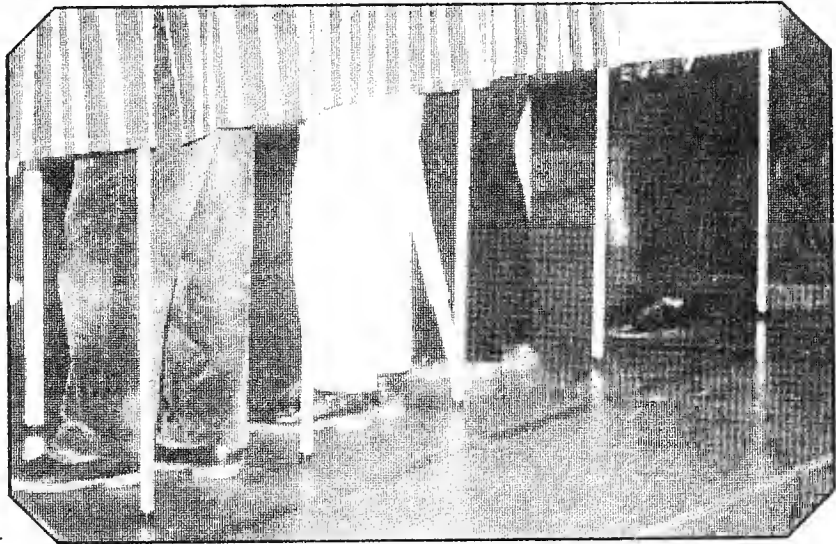
# TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR



The year 1996 has brought another increase of little more than 11% this year in Town Clerk revenues over last year. Auto registrations were up, and dog fines went down.

Commencing with registration due for renewal in the month of March, I am introducing a registration by mail services. One month prior to registration renewal date, you will receive a notice of renewal with the amounts for the Town and State. If you choose to use this service, you will automatically receive same notification the following year. If you elect not to use this service you will not automatically receive a notice. Hope this new mail-in option will make your auto registration easier.

I like to take this opportunity to THANK ALL of YOU for YOUR SUPPORT that you have shown me over the past year. I would like to THANK my Deputy, Shirley Curtis, for her continuing support.



Filling the voting booths on Town Meeting Day 1996.

Photo: Lucy Wells

Thanks to All,  
Frances Hastings ✕ Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996



Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$303,574.50
State Fund Dogs	738.50
Dog Licenses	1,543.50
Dog Fines	388.00
Marriage Licenses	450.00
Copies of Marriage, Birth & Death Certificates	260.00
UCC Filings	795.00
Dredge Permits	54.58
Bad Check Charges	120.00
Miscellaneous	435.76
Election	4.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$308,363.84</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: FORM MS61



**SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS: FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996**

Town of Grantham		Levies of	
	1996	1995	Prior
Uncollected Taxes — Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		\$214,070.59	
Resident Taxes		2,450.00	2,590.00
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes		5,663.12	
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	\$3,295,317.69		
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	7,261.09		
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	1,323.78	50.00	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
Interest Collected on:			
Delinquent Taxes	2,682.11	15,321.08	
Costs Collected on:			
Property Taxes			
Resident Taxes			
Other Taxes			
Excess Credits:			
Property Taxes	20.00	1,646.01	
Resident Taxes		36.00	14.00
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,306,604.67</b>	<b>239,236.80</b>	<b>\$2,604.00</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: FORM MS61



## SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS: FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

Town of Grantham	Levies of		
	1996	1995	Prior

### REMITTED to TREASURER —

#### During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$2,961,537.13	\$162,920.92	
Resident Taxes		360.00	\$140.00
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	4,350.71	5,663.12	
Interest on Taxes	2,682.11	15,321.08	
Cost/Penalties	20.00	1,646.01	
Penalties on Resident Tax		36.00	14.00

#### Discount Allowed:

#### Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes	7,444.70	282.38	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	222.17		

Tax Lien Executed during Year: 50,917.29

Deeded to Town during Year: 4,732.67

#### Excess Debits:

Property Taxes  
Resident Taxes  
Land Use Change Tax  
Yield Taxes

#### Uncollected Taxes —

End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	322,926.97		
Resident Taxes		2,090.00	2,450.00
Land Use Change Tax			
Yield Taxes	2,688.21		

TOTAL CREDITS \$3,306,604.67 \$239,236.80 \$2,604.00

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: FORM MS61



## SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS: FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

Town of Grantham		Levies of		Prior
	1994	1993		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$47,322.93	\$21,957.65		\$36,837.95
Tax Liens Executed to Town During Fiscal Year:				
Subsequent Taxes Paid:				
Interest Collected After Execution Lien:	3,666.16	4,758.76		9,363.93
Collected Redemption Costs:		1,000.32		834.62
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$50,989.09</b>	<b>\$27,716.73</b>		<b>\$47,036.50</b>
Remittance to Treasurer — During Fiscal Year: Redemptions	\$24,617.54	\$17,239.17		\$16,260.12
Interest & Costs: (After Lien Execution)	3,666.16	5,759.08		10,198.55
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes:				
Deeded to Town During Year: (Taxes, Interest & Costs)	2,893.56	4,330.14		-3,789.51
Unredeemed Taxes End of Fiscal Year:	19,811.83	388.34		16,788.32
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$50,989.09</b>	<b>\$27,716.73</b>		<b>\$47,036.50</b>



# UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIENS



**YEAR ENDED: DECEMBER 31, 1996 (LEVIES)**

	1995	1994		1995	1994
Alon, Shimon & Alon			Hutchins, William		
27 Eagle Drive	\$2,776.71	\$2,541.23	24 Wildwood Drive	\$ 278.78	
25 Eagle Drive	273.16	282.58	Kealey, Laurence		
Bagley, Cynthia			17 Island View	3,408.52	\$1,636.45
7 Pleasant Drive	2,011.65		Mattatuck Surg. Assoc		
Bard, Rose Marie			17 Hummingbird Hill	121.41	
161 Yankee Barn Road	122.73		Mayo, Leon		
Barrell, John & Ruth			383 Route 10 South	710.44	270.08
50 Butternut Pond Road	125.98		Miller, Dawn		
Barron, Steven & Linda			Route 10 North	175.42	175.59
11 Barn Owl Overlook	662.68		Moody Jr., Charles	109.51	
Boutin, David & Janet			Notaro, Vito		
18 Barn Owl Overlook	236.55		7 Double Diamond Drive		93.60
Campbell Jr., George			Olander, Brian		
33 Butternut Road	154.09	188.83	392 Route 10 South	882.71	812.04
Cashore, William			Partridge, Edward		
9 Spring Valley Drive	23.93		88 Stocker Pond Road	979.13	882.09
Chow, Michael			Powers, Darlene		
805 Covered Bridge Lane	2,835.74	3,222.28	5 Summit Drive	668.37	
26 Longwood Drive	769.50		Rinaldi, Louise		
Colt Jr., Richard			49 Hemlock Lane	320.04	
286 Route 10 North	1,050.26	508.58	Saltz, Stephen		
52 Rumbrook Lane	277.81		10 Fernwood Lane	229.64	134.08
E & F Development Corp.			Sanborn Louis		
36 Gray Ledges Road	11,869.08	5,473.95	10 Learning Drive	1,025.76	
Egbert, David			Shulansky, John		
656 Marten Road	988.79		84 Greensward Drive	391.48	378.56
Fontaine, Roger			Stower, Brenda		
6 Fox Run	45.53		11 Bobbin Hill	54.79	
Forward Trust, Trustees of			Tomchik, James		
OF-II-31	239.32		841 Cove Drive	2,612.28	
Gallien, Ryan & Shannon			Tullie, Michael		
626 Route 10 North	402.24	376.49	19 Spring Valley Drive	149.15	156.46
Glass, Donald			Tysor, Bayard		
19 Morning Hollow	163.86		24 Slalon Drive	131.11	
Harrinton, Robert			Underhill Jr., Robert		
36 Morse Run	162.13	179.35	10 Meadowbrook Road	2,434.02	2,152.59
Hart, William			426 Route 10 South	428.13	
Pillsbury Road		137.45	Wilhelm, Mark		
Hastings, Michael			10 Ash Lane	482.35	
Leavitt Hill Road	124.84		Wright, John		
Herron, Douglas			21 Old Spring Drive	607.84	576.87
54 Greensward Drive	151.48				

**THESE ARE in BANKRUPTCY**

	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989
Gulas, Ivan							
Route 10	\$ 207.04	\$ 203.60	\$ 193.62	\$ 3,856.60	\$4,403.30	\$4,316.50	\$3,856.23
Myler, David							
75 High Pond Rd.	188.10	192.15	194.72	174.67	181.02		

# TREASURER'S REPORT



<u>Account #</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>1996</u>
3110-1-001	Property Tax Current Year	2,962,476.36
3110-2-001	Property Tax Prior Years	164,417.75
3190-1-001	Interest & Cost Property Tax	14,802.49
3110-1-002	Inventory Penalty Current Yr	0.00
3110-2-002	Inventory Penalty Prior Years	0.00
3110-3-001	Tax Lien Redemptions	71,124.06
3190-1-002	Redemption, Cost & Interest	20,176.84
3120-1-001	Land Use Tax Current Year	0.00
3120-2-001	Land Use Tax Prior Years	0.00
3180-1-001	Resident Tax Current Year	0.00
3180-2-001	Resident Tax Prior Years	520.00
3190-2-001	Resident Tax Penalty Current Year	0.00
3190-2-001	Resident Tax Penalty Prior Years	50.00
3185-1-001	Yield Tax Current Year	1,513.31
3185-2-001	Yield Tax Prior Years	8,500.52
	Tax Sale Costs	0.00
3190-9-001	Bad Check Fee	20.00
3290-9-002	Copies	9.00
3230-1-003	Current Use Application	0.00
3509-9-009	Other Fees	0.00
		<u>3,243,610.33</u>

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>1996</u>
3210-4-001	UCC Filings	795.00
3210-4-101	Election Filing Fees	4.00
3220-2-001	MV Agent Fees	4,015.00
3220-3-001	MV Registrations	299,559.50
3290-1-001	Dog Licenses	1,618.50
3290-1-101	Dog Licenses - State Fund	738.50
3290-2-001	Dog Fines	313.00
3290-3-001	Marriage License	450.00
3290-5-001	Birth, Death, Marriage Copies	260.00
3290-8-001	Wetlands Filing Fees	54.58
3290-9-001	Bad Check Fees	120.00
3290-9-002	Copies	50.76
3290-9-009	Other	385.00
	Title Fee	0.00
		<u>308,363.84</u>

# TREASURER'S REPORT



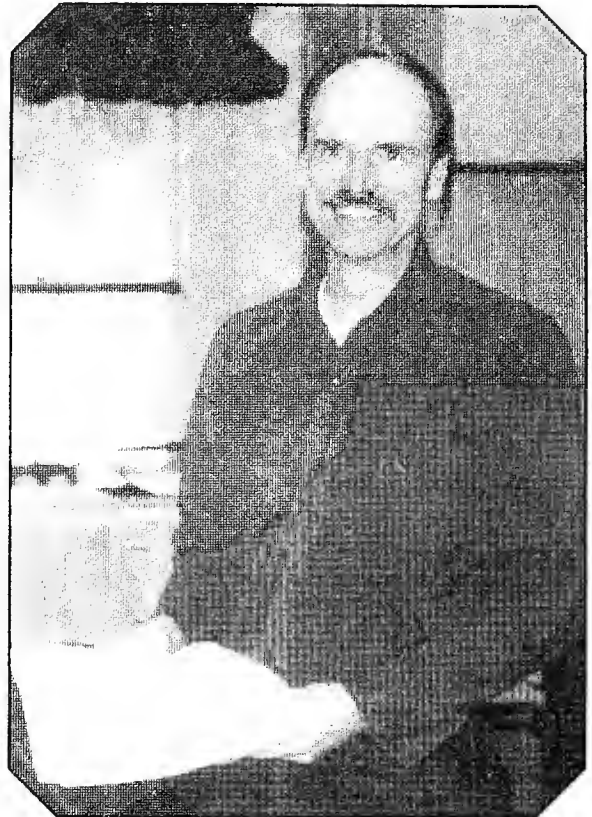
Account #	Town of Grantham	1996
3230-1-001	Building Permits	1,634.36
3230-1-002	Planning/Zoning Applications	1,917.98
3230-1-003	Current Use Application	45.00
3290-9-001	Bad Check Fees	40.00
3290-9-002	Copier Machine	371.70
3290-9-003	Pistol Permits	120.00
3300-0-000	Intergovernmental Revenue	0.00
3351-1-001	NH State Revenue Share	31,146.10
3353-1-001	NH Block Grant - Highway	29,757.53
3359-1-001	NH State Grant to Police	0.00
3359-2-001	State Gas Refund	0.00
3359-3-001	State Grant to Fire	0.00
3359-4-001	Witness Fee Reimbursement	120.00
3359-9-001	Other State Grants	0.00
3401-1-001	Maps/Ordinances/Lists/Labels	645.47
3401-1-002	2nd Residential Dump Sticker	0.00
3401-1-002	Police Report	191.00
3401-1-003	Transfer Station Stickers	1,439.55
3401-5-001	Cemetery Fees	2,075.00
3401-08	Recycle	263.82
3401-9-001	Service Charges	0.00
3404-1-001	Residential Dump Stickers	18,443.00
3404-2-001	Commercial Stickers	1,036.50
3404-3-001	Dump Tickets	7,439.75
3501-1-001	Sale of Town Property	0.00
3501-1-002	Sale of Cemetery Lots	625.00
3503-1-001	Rentals; Vending Commissions	614.60
3504-1-001	Fines & Forfeits	0.00
3506-2-001	Insurance Dividends	26,843.99
3506-2-001	Workers Comp Ins Refund	0.00
3506-4-001	BC/BS Cobra	0.00
3508-1-101	Gifts & Donations	0.00
3509-1-002	Cable Franchise	2,274.85
3509-1-009	Reimbursement	91,730.25
3509-9-000	Other	391.26
3509-9-001	Miscellaneous	60.00
3915-1-001	Trust Fund Transfer	0.00
3916-1-001	Trustee of Trust Fund Interest	1,139.82
		<u>220,366.53</u>
	<u>Interest</u>	<u>1996</u>
	Checking	553.66
	Savings	2,805.30
	Repurchase Agreement	16,590.75
	MBIA	<u>25,210.38</u>
		<u>45,160.09</u>



# TREASURER'S REPORT



<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b><i>Beginning Balances</i></b>	
Checking	16,155.00
Savings	111,246.21
Repurchase Agreement	434,019.38
MBIA	645,310.29
	<b>1,206,730.88</b>
<b><i>Receipts</i></b>	
Tax Collector	3,243,610.33
Town Clerk	308,363.84
Town of Grantham	220,366.53
Interest	45,160.09
Void Checks	0.00
Bad Check	-5,520.10
Redeposit Bad Checks	3,370.96
Miscellaneous	2.42
Tax Lien	0.00
	<b>3,815,354.07</b>
<b><i>Total Receipts</i></b>	<b>5,022,084.95</b>
<b><i>Less Selectman's Orders</i></b>	<b>-3,775,808.42</b>
<b><i>Cash On Hand</i></b>	<b>1,246,276.53</b>
<b><i>Ending Balance</i></b>	
Checking	2,890.24
Savings	113,965.59
Repurchase Agreement	708,900.03
MBIA	420,520.67
	<b>1,246,276.53</b>



Town Treasurer Hank Robinson.

# EASTMAN 25TH ANNIVERSARY



## THE EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED A QUARTER-CENTURY ANNIVERSARY IN 1996

It was August 20, 1969, when the Controlled Environmental (CEC) Corporation formed, and a week later purchased 2,733 acres from North American Rockwell, mostly lying within the boundaries of Grantham. In November, CEC contracted with Hanslin Associates to develop a Master Plan. Architect Emil Hanslin had developed the much-admired Cape Cod community, New Seabury.

Eleven months later, a second contract with Hanslin provided for the development and marketing of Eastman, overseen by the newly-formed Manchester Management Corporation.

On July 28, 1971, the Eastman Community Association was formed, with Eastman Road and the Visitor's Center in place during the following fall season. The first homes were built during the spring of 1972. That year saw Special Meetings first held during the summer, nine holes of golf open in August, and the dam construction completed in December. In January 1973, five miles of cross-country ski trails opened. A flurry of activity during the months to follow included construction of the South Cove Activity Center, the Barn, Tallulah's, the beach, and tennis courts.

The Council that fall elected the first property owner to the ECA Board. With winter approaching, a ski lift opened on Snow Hill. Bob Aisner came on board in the spring of 1974 as Eastman's first full-time manager. North Cove Beach and Peppermint Patty's were completed about a year later.

In the spring of 1976, West Cove tennis courts were built and the Road Round the Lake was paved. The second nine holes were being played at the golf course, East Cove had a beach, and in July of America's Bicentennial Year and the ECA's 5th, *Eastman Doodle Dandy*, was produced, the first of five "musical extravaganzas".

By this time there were more homes than appeared at first glance tooling along that "Road Round the Lake" and many folks there were making Grantham and Eastman their year-round home. By the fall of 1977, property owners became the majority of the ECA Board, and Manchester Bank's shares of CEC were bought by the Hanslins. Condominiums made an appearance at East Lake.

The summer of 1979 found the first Gene Sarazen Pro-Am Charity Golf Tournament. Two years later, the golf course and the water company supplying Eastman homes were bought from CEC.

By Fall 1981, 95% of Eastman lots had been sold. The first West Cove A condos were built. Attention to West Cove focused on a covered bridge walkway in 1982 and the West Cove B beach opening the following spring.

Between the summer of 1983 and January 1984, Tallulah's restaurant was renamed Northwinds, only to close and be re-opened as Tallulah's in May, closing again in September.

ECA's current General Manager Tom Wade was hired December 1984. In the spring of 1985, the Nature Trail around the lake was completed, and condos took root in South Cove.

February 1987 was marked by the death of Emil Hanslin, age 66.

During the summer the ECA took on new responsibilities when CEC deeded all the roads to the Association. The fruits of planning and community management were harvested in 1988 — the ECA Council changed the Covenants, restructuring the assessment system; at the North Entrance, a 9-acre tract of land with a home was purchased for conversion as an ECA office; and all roads at Eastman were completed. The ECA, Village District, and East Lake Condo Association's offices all became centralized at the North Entrance facility in March 1989. That spring, the Hanslin family acquired remaining CEC shares.

With a sense of community emerging strongly, the Barn Owl Summer Program for children opened in 1989, the first Eastmanaires Concert was held that October, and the Golf & Ski Center was expanded to meet demand, with Harvey's snack bar enlarged as a full service restaurant. That winter, cable TV became available. Summer 1990 saw the old Tallulah's completely renovated as an adult meeting center, and tennis courts were built at the ECA office.

July 1991 marked a 20th Anniversary celebration for Eastman. The practice putting green opened that fall. In December 1991, a change in the Covenants offered a lot retirement program. A boat wash was provided in 1992, and a water storage tank at Snow Hill on the Road Round the Lake was built. Harvey's Restaurant was renamed Draper Mill Tavern, operated by the ECA.

Management decisions led once again to a Covenant change, this time establishing a capital reserve fund in September 1993.

Reportedly, the Brook Trail Troll established residency at Eastman in the winter of 1994-5; and on the practical side, over half of the Eastman Roads were renamed to facilitate emergency calls with Enhanced 911 in 1995. That spring brought the devastation of fire, destroying the Golf & Ski Center, with Draper Mill Tavern. Nearly a year later, plans were approved for a new Community Center, completed at this writing, February 1997.

Meanwhile, there was a big party last summer. Happy Anniversary, Eastman!

# TRUST FUNDS



**REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM - DECEMBER 31, 1996**

No.	Date Of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	CAPITAL		
					Balance Beginning	New Funds	With-Drawals Ending
101-186	1900-1996	CEMETERY FUNDS TOTALS	Cemetery Care	LSB #1 Com	19,396.91	1,300.00	20,696.91
OTHER TRUST FUNDS							
401	1891	Grantham School Fund	Grantham School	SA LSB	623.00		623.00
402	1915	Sale of Leased Land	Dunbar Library	SA LSB	300.00		300.00
404	6/18/85	Hiram Buswell Fund	Scholarship Fd.	SA/CD LSB	2,960.00		2,960.00
		Glenn Hudson Memorial Fund					
		Other Trust Funds Totals			3,883.00		3,883.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
517	5/10/90	Fire Department Apparatus	New Equipment	MBIA 0008	69,100.00	25,000.00	94,100.00
518	5/10/90	Town Highway Truck	New Truck	MBIA 0009	6,790.00	10,000.00	16,790.00
523	7/17/93	Office Computer	New Computer	MBIA 0010	1,975.00		1,975.00
525	12/17/93	Dunbar Free Library	Building Fund	MBIA 0011	19,577.61	11,964.00	31,541.61
522	12/20/94	Village District of Eastman	Well Replace.	MBIA 0001	67,178.47		67,178.47
530	12/15/95	Mower Fund	New Mowers	MBIA 0012	1,500.00	2,575.00	4,075.00
531	12/15/95	Expendable General Trust	Emerg. Repairs	LSB Com.#3	15,000.00		9,960.58
532	12/27/95	Village District of Eastman	Dug Wells	MBIA 0006	10,000.00		10,000.00
533	12/27/95	Village District of Eastman	Gen/Pump Mnt.	MBIA 0007	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
534	12/27/95	Village District of Eastman	Water Main Mnt.	MBIA 0005	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00
535	12/23/96	Town Green Reserve Fund	Town Green	MBIA 0013		5,000.00	5,000.00
536	12/31/96	Village District of Eastman	Treat/Filtr.Fac.	MBIA 0014		200,000.00	200,000.00
		Capital Reserve Totals			226,121.08	284,539.00	505,620.66
		REPORT TOTAL			249,400.99	285,839.00	530,200.57

# TRUST FUNDS



## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GRANTHAM - DECEMBER 31, 1996

No.	Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	INCOME				Total
			Beginning Balance	Received During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
101-186	1900-1996	CEMETERY TOTALS	9,144.09	1,569.28	2,432.33	8,281.04	28,977.95
OTHER TRUST FUNDS							
401	1891	Grantham School Fund					
402	1915	Sale of Leased Land	0.00	17.41	17.41	0.00	623.00
404	6/18/85	Hiram Buswell Fund	0.00	8.38	8.38	0.00	300.00
		Glenn Hudson Memorial Fund	744.83	188.40	300.00	633.23	3,593.23
		Other Trust Funds Totals	744.83	214.19	325.79	633.23	4,516.23
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS							
517	5/10/90	Fire Department Apparatus	1,407.70	3,512.52	0.00	4,920.22	99,020.22
518	5/10/90	Town Highway Truck	2,737.81	481.62	0.00	3,219.43	20,009.43
523	7/17/93	Office Computer	98.08	101.47	0.00	199.55	2,174.55
525	12/17/93	Dunbar Free Library	437.14	988.45	0.00	1,425.59	32,967.20
522	12/20/94	Village District of Eastman	7,884.86	3,826.80	0.00	11,711.66	78,890.13
530	12/15/95	Mower Fund	3.54	76.90	0.00	80.44	4,155.44
531	12/15/95	Expendable General Trust	35.39	536.93		572.32	10,532.90
532	12/27/95	Village District of Eastman	0.00	505.05		505.05	10,505.05
533	12/27/95	Village District of Eastman	0.00	505.05		505.05	15,505.05
534	12/31/96	Village District of Eastman	0.00	1,267.30		1,267.30	51,267.30
535	12/23/96	Town Green Reserve Fund	0	3.77		3.77	5,003.77
536	12/31/96	Village District of Eastman	0.00	31.53		31.53	200,031.53
12/31/96		Capital Reserve Totals	12,604.52	11,802.09	0.00	24,406.61	530,062.57
		REPORT TOTAL	22,493.44	13,585.56	2,758.12	33,320.88	563,556.75

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



I have just completed my ninth year as the Police Chief. As I look back I see how the town has grown and how we at the police department have had to adjust. The educational needs of police officers as well at the cases have been at times hard to meet.

As most of you know I have recently graduated from the FBI National Academy. I feel this will benefit the department and the town in many ways.

I am very pleased to report that our goals to serve have been met year after year and this 1996 has been no exception. The demands on the department change because the crimes being committed are becoming more diverse. Fraud and theft are plaguing the small businesses in town and problems with domestic violence are on the rise here, as in many places within the state. We are also having our share of juvenile problems.

I will say that the department has been working closely with the children and the parents and have been able to handle most of the problems without court action. This takes more man-hours but I feel this personal interaction is better for everyone involved.

Where traffic and patrols are concerned, we are maintaining the same aggressive position that we have in the past. Everything being equal, we do from time to time have to prioritize. We have had to spend more time on criminal investigations and that does take away from our patrol time. Even with this demand on our department, we have remained vigilant on the town's traffic problems.

Along with equipment needs, our computer needs have grown because of the large volumes of documentation necessary with our record keeping and court records needs.

We have requested funds for an additional computer, along with funds to replace our old cruiser which has over 105,000 miles. It is at the point where liability is as much a problem in record keeping as it is in pursuits and other high risk situations.

One of the more important items on our agenda is our community policing. The Grantham Police Department is spending as much time as we can working with the children, as well as the people and their businesses. We have proven over the last nine years that this communication is very important. It is a well known fact that people enjoy a cer-

tain feeling of security when they can communicate directly with the police. This rapport is both necessary and important in meeting the needs of a community.

The service provided by your Police Department included the handling of over 1,000 calls for service. (*Statistics follow.*)

As you will see from the activity list, Grantham is plagued with the same problems as other parts of the country. In this day and age we must not take the quality of life we have for granted. As in the past, the Grantham Police Department needs your support. We need the volunteers for the bicycle safety program. We need to work with the children as well as maintain a good line of communications with our citizens. Community Policing is a good way to have a safer community.

Therefore, the Grantham Police Department is looking forward to serving the Town of Grantham. As in past years, we feel pride in the community as the community feels pride in its Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell E. Lary ❧ Chief of Police

## GRANTHAM 1996 CRIME LISTINGS

TOTAL	INCIDENT
1	Previously reported incident
1	Stalking — RSA 633:3-a
2	Rape
1	Simple assaults
1	Assault: Intimidation/ Crim. threatening
11	Burglary
4	Criminal trespass
16	Theft
6	Theft from autos
1	Larceny from building
13	Theft from open areas
4	Larceny (all other)
1	Fraud
15	Insufficient funds & No account checks
12	Damage property: Vandalism, criminal mischief
1	All drug offenses (see lists)
1	Juvenile sexual assault

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



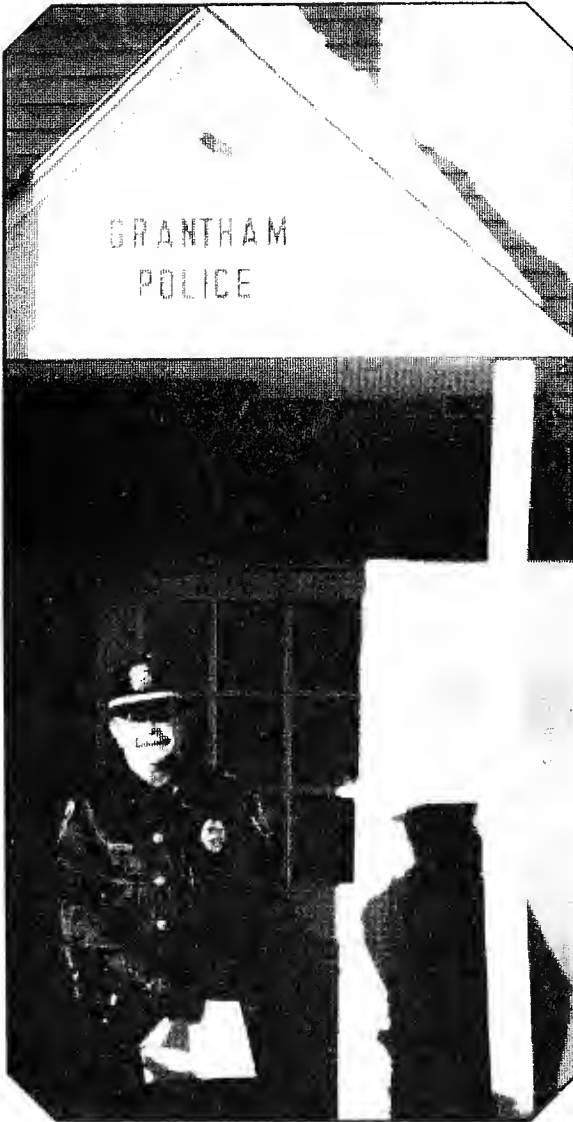
## GRANTHAM 1996 CRIME LISTINGS

*Continued from previous page*

TOTAL	INCIDENT	TOTAL	INCIDENT
1	Obscenity	6	Wrecker call
1	Liquor offenses	7	Traffic tie-up — Road obstruction
9	Harassment/Harassing comm.	3	Tree on wires —
1	Stalking		Non-fire road obstruction
2	Unwanted subject	18	Suspicious vehicle
2	Runaway (UOC 5350)	17	Suspicious person/prowler
2	Driving under influence: liquor	2	Flooding
1	Health-safety	1	Drunk
1	265:102 Littering	20	Domestic
1	263:1 Operating w/o valid license	1	Bomb threat
1	266:5 Uninspected M/V	2	Fish & game
1	265:81 Transporting	47	Disabled motor vehicle
	alcoholic beverages	53	Dog complaint
2	Lost animals	20	Animal complaint
10	Lost property	3	Missing person
4	Found animals	2	Runaway (UOC 9880)
13	Found property	6	Juvenile domestic problems
6	Found: Abandoned vehicles	1	Lost/stolen registration plate
5	Motor vehicle accident (all other)	7	Misc. officer incidents
9	Personal injury motor		(Other than listed)
	vehicle accident	3	Warrants serv. for other agency
45	Property damage M/V accident	4	Papers served
3	H/R property damage	3	Subpoena served
1	Boat accidents — Other than listed	1	Traffic detail
2	Dog bite complaint	2	Check of open doors
7	Fires — Other than listed	1	Check of open windows
2	Fire (Single dwelling)	1	Check of insecure premise
7	Fire (Vehicle)	25	Assist to State Police
1	Fire (Grass)	29	Assist other municipal Police Dept.
2	Suicides	2	Assist other agency
1	Suicide attempt	1	Request to see an officer
1	Mental case	18	Request pistol permit
16	Miscellaneous complaints — Other	2	Checkup
108	Residence alarm	1	Vehicle information
10	Bank alarm	16	Police information "and/or" BOLs
38	Vehicle off road (non-accident)	7	Check the welfare of
23	M/V complaint	1	Property damage — Non-criminal
21	Motor vehicle unlock	35	911 Hangup/Trace
57	House check	4	Civil standby
45	Alarm: Business	1	Sex offender registration
7	Noise complaint		
15	Public assist		
26	Motorist assists		
1	DWI complaint		
1	M/V record check		
3	Criminal records check		
63	Ambulance/medical call		

**AGENCY GRAND TOTAL — 1,042**

# GRANTHAM



Sgt. Jerry Whitney — one of Grantham's finest.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

## EASTMAN LAKE

*By Max Shepherd • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Eastman Lake is in Eastman, a part of Grantham. Eastman Lake was a natural lake that was expanded to 345 acres long. People have been making sure that the lake is clean since 1987. People swim and ride boats in Eastman Lake. People sail and ride speed boats. There is a speed limit.

Eastman Lake is an attraction in the Eastman community.



In the photo above, witnessed and documented by on-the-spot reporter Carol Shepherd, Grantham Custodian and Cemetery Sexton Ed Buckman and Administrative Assistant April Whittaker appear to be very interested in this tree. Are they —

- A. Preparing a Maypole?
- B. Practicing a few new dance steps?
- C. Serving as guinea pigs for an EMT exercise in hand extraction from tree limbs?
- D. Lost?
- E. Seasonably electrifying Grantham?



# RECYCLING



		1996 RECYCLING STATISTICS						
MONTH		Glass	Alum Can	Newsprint	Cardboard	Plastic	Tin	Magazines
January		12,353	485	7,401	7,500	743	1,240	4,544
February		-	-	2,605	2,980	827	940	1,735
March		11,760	380	7,880	4,560	960	701	4,823
April		13,020	540	3,810	5,040	748	810	2,680
May		-	-	9,772	3,180	-	2,170	4,984
June		11,200	431	8,270	4,800	623	3,512	3,458
July		11,020	450	8,978	2,540	715	1,181	2,279
August		28,280	480	11,109	4,560	1,588	1,874	3,229
September		10,188	474	8,854	4,740	887	797	2,028
October		16,152	408	8,271	8,580	746	2,681	3,847
November		11,135	425	4,750	8,480	785	1,030	1,788
December		13,395	1,175	9,523	4,940	965	2,888	8,311
TOTAL (lbs)		136,481	5,208	141,889	57,880	9,585	19,202	43,688
TONS		68.24	2.6	70.84	28.94	4.79	9.60	21.84
TOTAL TONNAGE DIVERTED FROM INCINERATOR = 208.85								
1996 TAX DOLLARS DIVERTED = 208.85 X \$96.53 = \$19,967.23								

## MARKETING TONNAGE REPORT

For 16 years the Northeast Resource Recovery Association has been providing its members with access to reliable recyclables markets. During this past year we have helped your community market some of your recovered materials.

We wanted to include information about your participation in NRRA Cooperative Marketing Programs with your membership invoice packet. We hope these figures are of assistance to you and your community recycling program.

If you have any questions on these figures, please contact Kim Morrell at the NRRA office at 1-

800-223-0150. Below is the tonnage of materials your community, as a member of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, marketed through NRRA's Cooperative Marketing Programs from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996.

*\*Total tonnage your community diverted from the waste stream through the NRRA Cooperative Marketing Programs.*

MATERIAL	TONS
Plastic	0
Paper	0
Textiles	0
Glass	0
Scrap Metal	33.09
Steel Cans	0
Aluminum Cans	0
Tires	0
Commingled Recyclables	0
<b>*TOTAL:</b>	<b>33.09</b>

1996 RECYCLING COSTS			
MONTH	Cassella No. of Trips	Haulage \$\$	
January	7	700.91	
February	4	400.52	
March	6	600.78	
April	8	801.04	
May	5	500.65	
June	7	700.91	
July	6	600.78	
August	0		
September	5	500.65	
October	7	700.91	
November	5	500.65	
December	7	700.91	
	<b>67</b>	<b>6708.71</b>	

# SOLID WASTE



## NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT REPORT

During 1996, the town representatives devoted many hours to ratifying a renegotiated contract with Wheelabrator. This involved continuous meetings with sister towns to explain the whys and wherefores of the amended contract and to enlist their help to approve the new agreement.

Approval finally came to fruition in the New Hampshire District on August 8, 1996, and the Vermont District voted their approval on November 5, 1996.

As a result the new tipping fee for 1997 will be \$74 per ton — \$22 lower than 1996. This should save the town approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year. A big thank you to Ed Jenik and alternate, Bill Hutchins.

While the legal battles are not entirely over, the issue raised by a group of activists in Vermont as to whether or not our waste disposal agreement with Wheelabrator is valid, has finally been settled. The Federal judge ruled it valid.

1996 COMMERCIAL AND DEMOLITION DISPOSAL				
MONTH	Landfill No. of Trips	Haul	Disposal	
January	1	100.13	352.30	
February	3	300.39	664.00	
March	2	200.26	606.30	
April	1	100.13	584.35	
May	3	300.39	1,769.94	
June	3	300.39	1,523.60	
July	4	400.52	1,784.25	
August	-			
September	2	200.26	674.05	
October	5	500.65	1,593.80	
November	2	200.26	704.60	
December	2	200.26	512.20	
	28	2,803.64	10,769.39	

Our other outstanding issue, still to be decided, is whether or not the Town of Acworth, NH, was within its rights to unilaterally leave the District. Hopefully the issue will be decided in 1997.

The District truly pulled a team effort in 1996 to ratify the new contract. May it continue.

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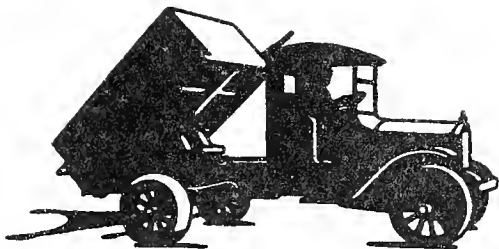


At the Grantham Recycling, Political Campaign, & Social Gathering Center, pioneer garbologist Clyde Currier has put in countless hours greeting purveyors of household recyclables and other refuse. He is retiring, effective March 31, 1997, but is expected to visit during regular hours.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

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1996 SOLID WASTE COSTS				
MONTH	No. of Trips	Tons	Haul	Disposal
January	6	60.73	975.00	5,862.27
February	5	56.23	834.45	5,427.88
March	5	54.48	834.45	5,258.95
April	6	70.48	1,001.34	6,803.43
May	7	71.33	1,168.23	6,885.48
June	6	75.14	1,001.34	7,253.28
July	7	82.92	1,168.23	8,004.27
August	8	90.45	1,335.12	8,731.14
September	6	70.91	1,001.34	8,844.94
October	7	84.88	1,168.23	8,193.47
November	5	58.31	834.45	5,435.60
December	7	78.35	1,168.23	7,370.07
	75	850.21	12,490.41	82,070.76
<b>*Plus \$2,103.39 Disposal Costs</b>				
<b>Re: Eastman Dumpster (21.79 Tons)</b>				
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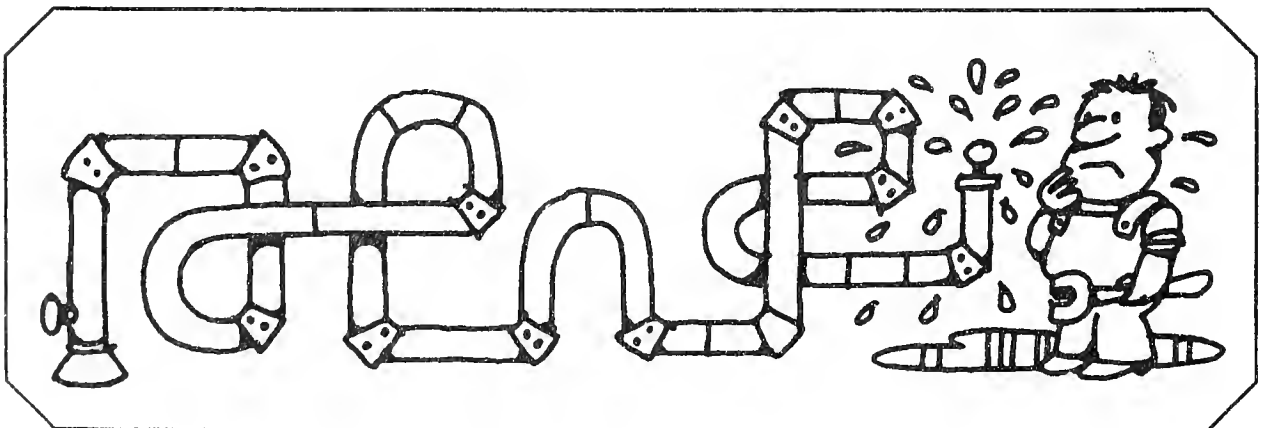


# BUILDING INSPECTIONS



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Types of Construction	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Residential Dwellings	17	22	28	22	24
Residential Additions & Renovations	27	34	14	15	13
Garages, Barns & Sheds	10	25	27	25	21
Decks & Porches	20	22	14	24	17
Seasonal Camps	0	0	0	0	0
Manufactured Housing	0	1	3	1	2
In-ground Swimming Pools	0	0	1	0	0
Commercial	1	0	0	0	2
Commercial Additions & Renovations	0	1	0	4	1
Signs	0	0	4	2	4
Dam	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>84</b>



# ROAD AGENT



## 1996 ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

First of all I would like to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation during the winter of 95/96, with only a two man crew. Snow plowing and sanding alone was more than a full time job.



In the summer, Yankee Barn Road and Stocker Pond Road were paved. Stocker Pond Road was widened and ditched extensively with approximately 150 yards of crushed gravel placed on the unpaved portion. With extra pavement left over from this job, we were able to put a thin overlay on Sanborn Hill Road as well.

Burpee Hill Road was widened and ditched, culverts changed and lowered, with a good amount of gravel spread on it also.



The steep hill on Miller Pond Road was widened, ditched and crushed gravel spread, hopefully making it a little safer for the school bus.

I was able to get landowner permission and put a culvert in below the bridge. This should take care of the recurring ice problem we have there every Spring. Approximately 350 feet of guard rail was put up in two places along the brook on Miller Pond Road.



Private driveway signs were installed to facilitate E-911.

Underdrain was placed in the school parking lot. I'm hopeful this will alleviate some of the water problems we have there.

As always, I am available if you have problems that you may wish to address with me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Newcomb Grantham Road Agent



Winter on Dunbar Hill.

Photo: Lucy Wells



## PLANNING BOARD



**I**t was a relatively uneventful 1996 for the Planning Board. Several minor subdivisions were approved, a number of mergers of abutting lots in Eastman were approved, and the procedure for merging abutting lots was streamlined in accord with new procedures authorized by the State.

As in past years, a number of owners in Eastman sought approval for the merger of two or more lots into a single lot. in the past, this process has required preparation of a survey plat suitable for recording at the Registry of Deeds, and formal notice to all abutters.

In August of 1995, the State authorized an expedited procedure which did away with the requirement of a survey plat and certain notice requirements for such mergers. Accordingly, the Planning Board developed forms and procedures for merg-

ers of abutting lots which, hopefully, will be easier and less costly than the prior procedure. Several mergers have already been approved using the new procedure.

The Sprinkler Ordinance was reviewed and revised. A committee consisting of representatives of the Planning Board, the Selectmen, and the Fire Department drafted a revised ordinance to clearly define the scope of the regulation.

Two site-plan reviews were held in 1996, pertaining to the expansion of the facilities at the Mobil station, and the modification of several units at Grey Ledges development.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl D. Hanson,  
Chair, Grantham Planning Board



"A Bridge Over Troubled Waters" was the tune that came to mind more than once during the late Winter and early Spring of 1996, as the rains came, and came, and came, flooding the low lying Sugar River neighborhoods, providing a few sleepless nights for Village river abutters — such as those near this Main Street bridge — and offering excitement to those for whom the changing natural world is always intriguing.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Grantham Conservation Commission continued to hold monthly meetings and conduct site visits throughout 1996 to address issues that involve management and protection of the Town's natural resources.

This past year included the addition of three new alternate members (Jerry Ellsworth, Stephen Hastings, and Richard Hayes) who immediately participated in ongoing projects (Brookside Park Bridge, Town Forest, etc.), in the development of new projects (Brookside Park Bridge, Town Forest, etc.), and in the development of new projects (Shoreline Protection Act).

In 1996, we saw Sherwood Forest sold, the Brookside Park bridge a regular agenda item, the New Hampshire Wetlands Board as a commission with new and different responsibilities, and the completion of another phase of the logging of the Town Forest.

The Commission participated in the following events and activities:

**TRAINING EVENTS:** Members attended workshop meetings on changes in the NH Wetlands Board and the Wetlands Permitting Process, and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting.

## WORK EVENTS:

- Commission members continue to review driveway applications in conjunction with the Town's Road Agent, as well as wetland applications and Shoreline Protection Act Cutting Plans.

- Representatives from the Commission attended the introduction to the Town's new Tax Maps. The wide variety of applications (wetlands, slopes, floodplain, soils, and wildlife areas) available from the map overlays were of interest to the members because of the information they can provide.

- Members inspected and cleaned the woodduck boxes and found one of the boxes had been inhabited by a woodduck.

- The Commission developed a Shoreline Protection Cutting Plan Application Form for use in complying with the Zoning Ordinance.

## REGULAR MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- April Whittaker, Administrative Assistant for the Town met with the Commission to review the Shoreline/River Overlay District of the Zoning Ordinance.

- Representatives from the Eastman Community Association's Environmental Control Committee (ECC) met with the Commission to discuss the requirements of the Shoreline Protection Act (SPA) which has been adopted by the Town. The ECC is involved with the approval of various activities within the Eastman Community and wanted to ensure they were providing proper guidance to property owners regarding the SPA.

- A request for proposals was issued for design of the Brookside Park Bridge. After reviewing the proposed cost estimates the Commission decided to refuse all four bids and pursue other possibilities.

## UNDER DISCUSSION:

- The Commission is reviewing methods to inform property owners in jurisdictional areas of the SPA of the requirements associated with the Act.

- The condition of the class VI road used for logging the town forest was raised by the Selectmen and discussions were held regarding the steps to be taken to address this issue.

- Due to the increased work load the Commission is recommending increasing the size of the Commission to seven members and three alternates.



The Commission wants to thank the residents of Grantham for their continued support, past and present, as we strive to protect the natural resources found in Grantham.

Grantham Conservation Commission:

Carl Hanson, Chairman  
Jim Berg, Vice Chairman  
Connie Howard, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Holdowsky, Monitoring Chairman  
David Frucht, Member  
Jerry Ellsworth, Stephen Hastings,  
Richard Hayes,  
Russ Keat, Michael Simpson, Alternates



# CONSERVATION FUND



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Treasurer's Report December 31, 1996

Conservation Fund Savings Account #021-002063 Lake Sunapee Bank  
Balance as of December 31, 1995 \$6,952.08

Funds designated as follows:

Youth Scholarships	\$517.64
Timber Fund	1,926.10
Brookside Park Fun	4,467.96
General Fund - undesignate	<u>40.38</u>

Receipts: 1996

Timber Harvest '96	10,585.44
Interest Income	<u>165.83</u>

Total Receipts 10,751.27

Total Receipts & Balance \$17,703.35

Disbursements: 1996

Transfer to NHPDIP Acct.	15,000.00
Wire Fee	15.00
Road Project Fee	<u>616.70</u>

Total Disbursements \$15,631.70

Balance on hand, December 31, 1996 \$2,071.65\*  
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Conservation Fund - LSB Certificate of Deposit #1000112530

Deposited 8/28/95	\$13,370.00
Interest to 12/31/96	<u>1,091.58</u>

Balance on hand, December 31, 1996 \$14,461.58\*  
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(accumulated from Current Use Change Taxes in previous years  
to be used for future property or easement acquisition.)

Conservation Fund - NHPDIP Acct. No. NH-01-44-1

Opening Balance 5/22/96	\$15,000.00
Interest to 12/31/96	<u>461.61</u>
Balance on hand, December 31, 1996	<u>\$15,461.61*</u>

GRANTHAM CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY: 12/31/96

LSB Treasury acct.	\$2,071.65
LSB CD	\$14,461.58
NHPDIP	<u>\$15,461.61</u>

Total Conservation Fund \$31,994.84  
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# CONSERVATION FUND



Breakdown of Conservation Funds: 12/31/96

Youth Scholarships	\$536.86
Town Forest Timber Fund	\$12,336.30
Brookside Park Fund	\$4,633.78
General Fund	\$26.32
Current Use	<u>\$14,461.58</u>
Total Conservation Fund	\$31,994.84
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GRANTHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SHERWOOD FOREST FUND  
Easement Monitoring Fund

Lake Sunapee Bank Acct. No. 0-21-002756-0

Balance on hand December 31, 1995	\$2,865.67
Interest Income to 12/31/96	<u>58.69</u>
Total Balance & Income	\$2,924.36

Disbursements:

5/22/96 transfer to NHPDIP NH-01-44-1

	<u>2,800.00</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1996	\$ 124.36*
	=====

NH PDIP Acct. No. NH-01-44-1

Opening Balance 5/22/96	\$2,800.00
Interest Income to 12/31/96	<u>86.16</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1996	<u>\$2,886.16*</u>

Sherwood Forest Monitoring Fund Summary:

LSB Statement Acct.	\$ 124.36
NHPDIP Acct.	<u>\$2,886.16</u>

<u>Total Sherwood Forest Monitoring Fund 12/31/96</u>	<u>\$3,010.52</u>
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\*These Account balances have been provided by Town Treasurer, Hank Robinson, 1/9/97

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Howard, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Grantham Conservation Commission



# UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING



## THE UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

UVLSRPC Services are varied and benefit all member communities —

- Consult and help residents of member communities as, and when, asked.
- Meet with state officials and agency representatives to influence policy and to help keep the Region an active participant in many ongoing programs. This includes activity with transportation, solid waste, economic development, and environmental regulatory agencies in both New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Maintain a library of regional data, maps and planning resources, and answer many requests for information.
- Use the Geographical Information System (GIS) to perform mapping and analyses for member towns.
- Assist the Upper Valley Solid Waste District in dealing with solid waste issues. Provide general staff support for the District.
- Organized and administered regional household hazardous waste collections.
- Provide administrative support for the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Work in cooperation with the Sullivan County Economic Development Commission.
- Serve on the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- Began a new program which provides economic development assistance to towns and businesses in Grafton County.
- Sponsor local sessions of the NH Municipal Law Lecture Series.
- Provide technical assistance to Advance Transit and Rideshare.
- Use the Regional Transportation Advisory committee to develop regional policies and recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Provide data about our regional build-out analysis which forecasts the population and number of dwellings in the Region when totally built out.
- Revise and update the Regional Plan.
- Comply with applicable Vermont Act 200 requirements at the local, regional and state level, including participation in the Council of Regional Commissions.
- Participate in Vermont Act 250 reviews and

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### GRANTHAM SERVICES IN 1996

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency, and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grant-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Grantham residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is at left.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Grantham included:

- Explained requirements for wording of ballot for zoning amendments.
- Answered question about effective date of zoning amendments relative to issuing building permits and applications for subdivision and site plan review.
- Provided information on revocation of plan approval.
- Converted AutoCAD parcel coverage for use in developing a zoning map base.
- Digitized zoning districts to fit parcel base.
- Produced zoning map with annotation.
- Completed a road surface management study for every road in Town.
- Provided information regarding proper disposal of household hazardous waste to Grantham residents.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Grantham in the coming year.

David Frucht ❧ Grantham Member  
UVLS Regional Planning Commission

## UVLSRPC MEMBER SERVICES



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review of development of regional impact in New Hampshire.

- Sponsor planning board training sessions in New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Work with Upper Valley Land Trust and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests to protect open space and conserve important parcels of land.
- Participate in and work with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.
- In conjunction with the City of Lebanon, held a Business Faire where representatives from 14 state business assistance programs were available to give information.
- Review land use controls and master plans, and suggest amendments.
- Produce our newsletter to provide information about planning issues and other topics of regional concern.
- Organize a monthly brown bag lunch for selectmen and town managers where regional and local issues are discussed on an informal basis.
- Update the Regional Profile, a compendium of information about the Region. Many businesses use this resource.
- Focus on the regional economy through our Economic Initiative Project.

*Submitted by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Regional Planning Commission*



Barbara Mutney and Administrative Assistant April Whittaker prepare information for the 1996 Town Report, putting the new computer system through its paces.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



The following cases were reviewed in 1996 by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the decisions and other actions were as follows:

•96-1 Timberstand Investment Co., LTD for a variance to Article III Section 3b(3). The application was referred to the Planning Board as there was no need for a variance. This was a joint meeting with the Planning Board.

•96-2 Tamatha Lozeau for Special Exception to Article III Section 3A(10C). Hearing was recessed due to insufficient information on the application.

Case was later canceled.

•A workshop was held on July 9, 1996 for all Board members.

My thanks to all the Board members and alternates for their dedication and time, even with only two hearings this year, but at least we stayed well within our budget and then some.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bud Hennigar ✎ Chairman

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL • SCEDC

The following is a report on the activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council for the year 1996.

### SUCCESSES HIGHLIGHTED

- Obtained another Community Development Block Grant from the Office of State Planning for the County. This grant will allow SCEDC to expand its staff to four people who will assist the businesses within the County.
- Continue to provide managerial and financial assistance to the Claremont Foundry. They currently employ 52 people with plans to expand even further.
- Assisted East Coast Steel, Inc., with its merger to the Claremont Facility. They are now completely relocated to Claremont and are employing some 150 people with additional plans to expand.
- Managed to expand our Revolving Loan Funds to approximately \$1 million dollars. This money is utilized in stabilizing and assisting County businesses to strengthen their financial positions.

- Issued a Start-up loan to Maple Leaf Technologies and helped them locate to Charlestown.



- Assisted Clyde River Enterprises receive financial assistance to relocate from Windsor, VT, to Charlestown, NH.

Our labor task force, after two years of meetings, has finally shaped the scope of information that we feel we need to bring the Sullivan County workforce into the 21st Century. SCEDC has joined forces with the New Hampshire Community Technical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the US Census Bureau to jointly survey and monitor the area's labor picture.

This will involve surveys, phone calls, creation of data bases, and development of on-going programs to enhance our ability to compete now and into the future.

SCEDC continues to market the region and its workforce around the world in hopes of acquiring healthy, good paying jobs for the citizens of Sullivan County.

Should there be any additional questions after reading this report, please feel free to contact SCEDC at (603) 543-1298.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen A. Marro ■ Executive Director

### LUMBERING

*By RaeAnn Michelson • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Lumber is an important part of the history of Grantham. At one time all of Grantham was covered with forests.

Cote & Reney Lumberyard and Sawmill was built in 1927. That's about 70 years ago.

Some of the supplies that Cote and Reney sell are pine, spruce, and hemlock boards. They also sell the whole line of building supplies.

Cote and Reney is open on weekdays from 7 am to 4:30 pm. On Saturdays they are open from 7 am to 11 am.

Cote and Reney is located right after the school on Springfield Road.

### MAPLE HOUSE

*By Nick Masterson • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Maple Sugaring is a process of making maple syrup. To get the sap out of sugar maple trees you use a special tool. They use a bucket to catch the sap. Oxen were used to collect the sap. The sap is boiled and strained. It takes 35 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. Mapl serop is eten all over the world.

# RECREATION



Once again — as it seems every year — our programs seem to grow more and more each year.



## BASEBALL

Our baseball program saw more than 115 children enjoying this sport. Participation was up from last year by 40 children. Grantham's Recreation program is growing very fast.

Our new pitching machine was a huge success. My thanks to the townspeople and children who helped raise money for the purchase of this great training tool.

Dan Valcourt and his wife Karen were chosen to coach one of our two All-Star teams from our area. They went on to win the All-Star title. The children from Grantham were:

**Ian Hanson**  
**David Shepherd**  
**David Valcourt**  
**Doug Valcourt**  
**Sean Watson**

Congratulations to all.



## SOCCER

Soccer was expanded quite a bit this year. All the children seem to enjoy this fast growing sport.

## SKATING

Once again, due to the weather conditions we were unable to have our skating rink.



As always, I THANK all the VOLUNTEERS who give their time so freely to help keep these programs running so smoothly.

THANKS to my wife Debbie and to Frankie Hastings for their added help on phone calls, computer work, sign-ups, etc.

Jim Peirce ❧ Recreation Director

## BASKETBALL



The 1996-1997 basketball season got under way in November. We had 45 students sign up this year. There are four teams playing for Grantham. We had a chance to join the Kearsarge League this year, and so far, I am very pleased with their program. Each team will be playing between 8 and 14 games.

In December, we held our first hoop shoot. This is a foul shooting contest. We had 49 children sign up for this — grades kindergarten thru eight. Trophies and ribbons were given out in every age group. We held a bake sale and sold refreshments during the day. When we were all done the total cost of the hoop shoot was \$23. Next year, I hope to be able to make this a fund-raiser for our year-end awards. We had a great time that day.

We are still having a hard time getting officials to referee our games. We cannot have a game without them. Please remember all of your Grantham Recreation people are volunteers, and we have a beautiful gym. This is a great place for our children of Grantham to go. Here they can have some good, clean fun.

In closing, I would like to thank all the people who helped make this year a great season. We could not have done it without you.

Ellen Morey

# Referees wanted

## JOB REQUIREMENTS —

Good eyes, thick skin, sense of humor



# GRANTHAM



## The DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

*By Meghan Daigle • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The library has been here since 1893.

The Ladies Aid Society donated 350 volumes, and the state donated 450 that year. volumes. (Where not sure if this is true.) J. Madison Howe was elected frist librarian.

Mrs. Homes works at the library And Mrs. Heath in the librarian. Mrs. Homes uncle built the library.

It is located where it is because thats where the town wanted to put it. Someone donted it to Grantham. They panted it the green it is today because thats what coler it was along time ago. The library used to be in the school. it was only open on Thrusdays.

For a health class lesson about the dangers of smoking, Dartmouth Medical School students Katie Barefoot and Chris Vinton brought a pig lung to the Village School and explained its delicate similarity to people lungs. Chris Chaloux and William Reynolds were enthusiastic students. *Photo: Lucy Wells*

## Animals of Grantham *By Ashley Dias Dobson • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

There are lots of kinds of animals in Grantham because there are not many people here and there is a lot of open land.

Usually people in Grantham see deer, moose, fish, squirrels, chipmunks, mice, beavers, and birds while on a car ride or a walk. You don't usually see fox, coyote, bear, fishercats, and rabbits but they are still in Grantham.

The reason that they live in Grantham is because there are alot of animal

homes here. For example, trees are homes for squirrels, chipmunks, birds and mice. We have lakes for beaver and fish. We have alot of mountains for deer, moose, coyote, bears, fishercats, and rabbits.

They have alot of food because animals eat other animals. For example, fox eat rabbit, and beaver eat fish.

I like seeing wildlife in Grantham. I wonder what it is like in the cities without animals.



# DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

It was a banner year at the Dunbar Free Library during 1996. Let's start with maintenance.

- The library sports a new coat of paint on the older section.
- We have a plaque given by the Grantham Historical Society that states how long the library has been in place.
- New railings constructed by Bud Hennigar replaced rotted railings on our front stoop.
- Our parking lot and main entrance walkway were paved and striped. We even have a handicapped parking space.
- After dark you will see the benefits of our new walkway lighting when you come to visit.
- This summer we all enjoyed our new air conditioning and this winter we are enjoying the crawl space doors that are keeping the drafts away.

Our circulation is up 1,781 items over 1995. We circulated 21,540 items during 1996. Visitors to the library numbered 9,846 and 752 children attended our Summer Reading Program and Story Times.

The retrospective conversion of the library's collection is progressing. We have all the adult, young adult and children's fiction entered into the computer and are working on the adult, young adult and easy non-fiction. Some 9,225 items have been bar-coded.

When all the books have been entered into the computer we will start circulating with the computer. If you have not updated your library card with a bar-code this might be a good time.

*If you have not updated your library card with a bar-code this might be a good time.*

Our able library decorator Trudy Cohen turned over the reins to Sandy Noordsy this year. We will miss Trudy but know she will be enjoying her "retirement."

This year we sponsored two book discussions with the New Hampshire Humanities Council. One was for adults and children to participate in together entitled "Not For Children Only" and the other adult series was entitled "Mystery and the Cult of the Detective." Both were enjoyed and well received by those who took part.

The library participated in Old Home Day this year. Fifteen children and adults marched with us behind the new library banner in the parade. (Keep your eyes open for our banner it will be advertising future library sponsored events.) We sponsored Crystal Journey. Over 90 people enjoyed her puppets and stories.

This fall the library hosted "Adventures in Photography" a slide presentation by Fred Stockwell. He shared his experiences and slides with an audience of over 30.

June was the time for the traditional class visits to their public library. It's a time when students can visit and learn about their public library and its resources. We also explained the 1996 Summer Reading Programs theme and encouraged them to join in the fun.

The Summer Reading Program had 82 children registered in 1996. This is another record. Once again the Friends supported the program and The Store provided ice cream for the grand finale.

Joe Newcomb kicked off the program this year. He brought the town's dump truck and loader over to the library. The kids climbed over and through used the air horn and had a marvelous time.

The next session the kids made themselves comfortable in the luxury of our air conditioning. Then I told them we were leaving to go to the Dunbar Hill Cemetery, where Lea Frey and Allen Walker of the Grantham Historical Society were waiting for us. We were told some Grantham History and shown how to do grave rubbings. (Please contact the Cemetery Trustees if you are interested in doing any grave rubbings. They want to preserve the history and beauty of Grantham's cemeteries.)

I would like to thank Chief Lary for scheduling Montana, a police dog, for one of our July

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# DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY



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programs. The kids were impressed and had many questions to ask the state trooper handler about his partner, Montana.

We would like to thank Donald Barton of the Fire Department for hosting our Grand Finale. He gave a tour of the station and everyone enjoyed seeing the fire equipment.

We have some good news for our audio book lovers. This year the Librarian of the Upper Valley voted to begin a rotating, circulating, audio collection. We will be participating in this venture. If all goes well we may see a collection of circulating, unabridged audio's on our shelves in March of 1997.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Our Friends of the Library have had a busy year. They hosted author, Archer Mayor at their March meeting. He opened by stating that he operated on a question and answer format. It was up to us whether this would be a long or short evening. Everyone looked as if they were having a wonderful time, and we were there for quite awhile.

You saw The Friends at the Old Home Day celebration. They were the ones selling all those wonderful cookies. It was their most successful cookie walk ever. Thank you to all those who baked and bought cookies.

The Friends of the Dunbar Free Library give a book to the library for every baby born or adopted in town and to every child 14 and under who registers to use the library for the first time. This year The Friends gave the library 67 books.

Our Holiday Open House and Summer Reading Program were sponsored by the Friends. They have given money to help purchase our air conditioning units, and purchased the two new book shelves in the stacks and gave money to be used toward an addition.

Every summer the Friends publish a newsletter telling you about upcoming events and happenings around town. This year a survey from the Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees was included in the newsletter.

## DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

Circulation	1995	1996
Adult	6,662	10,164
Juvenile	8,020	9,562
Other	5,077	1,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,759</b>	<b>21,540</b>

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Monday & Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



I would like to thank our Board of Trustees, Friends of the Dunbar Free Library and Volunteers who have given of themselves, their time and money to help support the Dunbar Free Library. The library could not serve the town as well as it does without their dedicated support.

If you wish to receive more information about the Dunbar Free Library or The Friends of the Dunbar Free Library, call 863-2172 and we will do our best to assist you. See you at your library

Respectfully Submitted,  
Allisen E. Heath ❧ Librarian

# LIBRARY TRUSTEES



The year 1996 was another exciting and busy one, with the library continuing to provide vital services to the Grantham community.

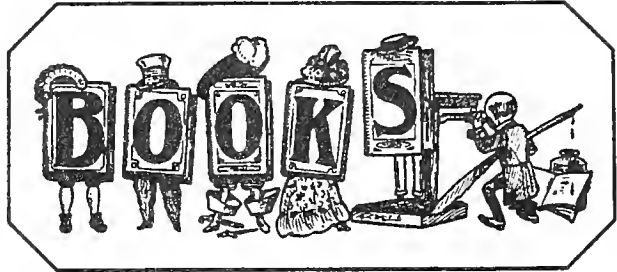
Memberships are on the increase, and our volunteer programs are strengthening.

After five years of hard work and dedication as a Trustee, Carol Weiss retired. She will be missed and the Trustees wish her well. Charlie Pearce joined us as our new Trustee and was elected Treasurer.

In June, we sent out over 90 invitations to our "Volunteer Recognition Coffee" which was well attended. The Trustees and our librarian, Allisen Heath, are most appreciative of all the hard work and support provided by our many volunteers.

## PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- The new air conditioning, purchased with the help of the Friends of the Dunbar Free Library, added to the comfort of the staff and patrons.
- The older section of the library received a fresh coat of paint and new lights were installed along the entryway to improve patron safety.
- Old Home Day, on July 4th, was a huge success and the library "Puppet Show" attracted over 90. The library's new and attractive banner was carried in the July 4th parade and will be flown at future town and library events.
- Throughout the year, Kay Winner, our Curator, arranged for local artists to display their work adding more beauty to our library walls.
- In August, Fred Stockwell presented a program entitled "Adventures in Photography" which was well attended, many of whom came from the Newport Camera Club.
- Autumn found the library hosting a series of book discussions entitled "Mysteries and the Cult of the Detectives." These book discussions are always popular programs.
- Sandy Noordsy, a Friend and volunteer, has faithfully kept the library decorated for the seasons and holidays adding a welcoming warmth for our patrons — a super example of our Volunteer Program!
- Bud Hennigar, another special Friend, has done



carpentry work for us. He has built shelves for video storage, doors to cover the crawl spaces which have helped cut down on winter drafts, and has built new railings for our front stoop.

We've mentioned a few of our volunteer friends, but we have many more who dedicate their time and energy to help make our library a success.

With our continued growth of the collection, programming, as well as patron usage, we have found the need to be creative in our use of space.

Knowing this and trying to plan for the future, the Trustees included a survey with the Friends' newsletter, The LIBRARY EDITION. The results from this survey have offered us guidance in planning our 1997 budget and updating our goals and objectives for the library.

The Friends of the DFL have continued their generous support by purchasing two sets of large library shelves for more book storage. They also hosted a "Holiday Open House" at the library in December. A warm thanks to them for their continued support.



In closing, we, the Trustees, send a very special thanks to our librarian, Allisen Heath, and her able assistant, Joey Holmes. They continue to work hard to meet the growing needs of our library patrons. The Trustees would also like to thank all of our very supportive Grantham residents and invite anyone in our community who has not visited the library to come in and see how much the facility and programs have progressed during these past four years.

M. Suzanne Lower ■ Chairperson  
Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees

# LIBRARY TRUSTEES



**Treasurer's Report for the year 1996**

**submitted by Charles A. Pearce, Treasurer**

**YEAR END 1995 BALANCE:**

**\$3932.01**

**1996 INCOME:**

Now Interest	\$ 38.09
Copier	645.23
Fines	780.88
Non-resident Fees	110.00
Lost Books (Reimbursed)	58.32
Reimbursement from Volunteers	187.05
Gifts	788.93
Humanities Program	947.36
Miscellaneous	<u>366.38</u>

Sub-Total                      \$5128.29                      \$5128.29

Sub-Total    \$9060.30

**1996 EXPENSES:**

**\$5493.22                      \$5493.22**

**YEAR END 1996 BALANCE:**

**\$3567.08**

**OTHER LIBRARY ACCOUNTS:**

6-month CD maturing 6/22/97

**\$6418.71**

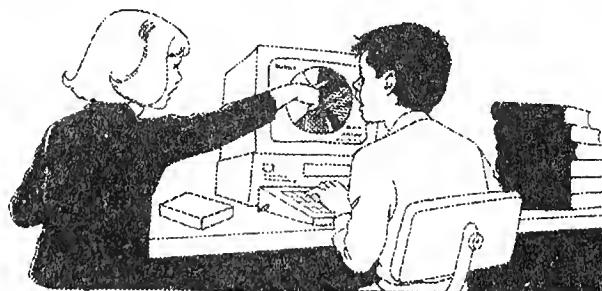
**ADDITIONAL FUNDS RECEIVED DURING 1996:**

1. \$1000 for addition to CD from Friends of Dunbar Library
2. \$2200 for shelving from Friends of Dunbar Library
3. \$500 for air-conditioner from the Friends
4. \$455 for computer enhancement from Leonare Wein

**DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY OPERATING ACCOUNT :**

Period ending January, 1996 - December, 1996

Budgeted: \$51,171      Expenditures: \$49,939.79      Balance: \$1231.21



## HEALTH OFFICER



It is indeed a pleasure to report once again that our town has had no major health problems.

We have available to our citizens Blood Pressure Clinics that are held the fourth Thursday of each month 11 30 a.m. to 1230 p.m. at the TOWN HALL and on the third Tuesday of each month at TALLULAH'S, 11 a.m. to noon. We hope that everyone will avail themselves of this free service.

Our town homes are primarily designed with septic tanks and leaching fields. This has been called the "magic box" because it takes all of our waste and converts it into an effluent that is leached into the ground. Make sure that you give this system proper attention by having the tank inspected at intervals and pumped when needed. This will prevent costly repairs later. Remember that the only remedy for a non-functioning leaching field is replacement.

All the child care centers in town have passed the State inspection.

### WATER TESTS

From time to time people have been concerned about the water supply at the school. To date we have received reports that have required repeat laboratory testing. We have never had a study to my knowledge that exceeded the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level). This is a standard that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has chosen to require repeat testing, and to prevent continued usage that would cause health problems.

In a program set up by the Water Supply Engineering Bureau, during 1997, we will be testing the water for:

- Fluorides during the 1st and 3rd quarters;
- Inorganic Chemicals (IOC);
- Nitrates & Nitrites; Radiologicals (RAD); and Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) during the 2nd quarter;
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), 1st quarter.

The IOC's are the ones with which most of us are familiar: Lead, Iron, Manganese, Copper and Arsenic, etc.

Certain concentrations are toxic to the body. Nitrates and nitrites are most detrimental to newborns up to the age of three. These create the "Blue Baby" syndrome. This is where the hemoglobin of the child cannot carry sufficient oxygen.

For older children and adults it is not consid-

ered a serious problem. However, it may be an indication of a more serious contamination with bacteria or pesticides.

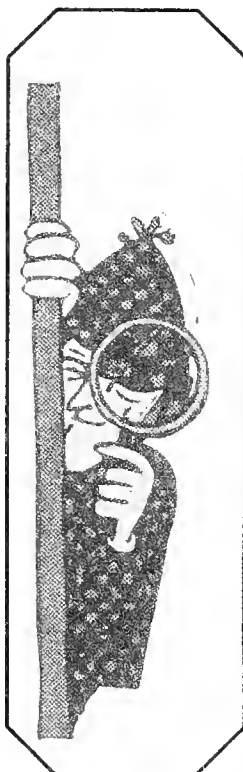
Radon in water isn't believed to cause a health risk by ingestion. However for every 10,000 pCi/L there will be leached out 1 pCi into the air. High levels of radon in air above 4pCi/L is considered a health risk for lung cancer.

The VOCs and SOC's are usually the result of industrial contamination or the incorrect use or prolonged use of pesticides. Some of these compounds are considered to be carcinogenic.

Fluorides in the water are considered to be beneficial in the prevention of dental caries. However, Federal law requires that notification of parents when a 2.0mg/l exists even though the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is 4mg/l. This enables parents to check their own water supply and alert their dentist if the children are on Fluoride tablets etc.

Bacteriological studies are also performed. The so called Coliform group of organisms may be found. These are not necessarily infective. They are found naturally. However, their presence may indicate other harmful viruses, protozoa and/or bacteria in the water. Therefore further testing is required.

Unfortunately, there is confusion in the language of reporting the amount of chemicals present. It may be in the metric system eg: mg/l or in parts per billion or million.



Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth J. Kerwin ❧ Health Officer

# VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Grantham Volunteer Fire Department responded to 62 calls in 1996, up 4 from 1995. The following is a breakdown of these incidents:

Alarms/Investigations	6
Auto Accidents/Fires	19
Brush/Debris Fires	4
Chimney	1
Electrical	13
Hazardous Materials/ CO Investigations	10
Mutual Aid	7
Rescues/Searches	1
Structure Fire	1
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>62</b>

This year, brush fires were down and we appreciate everyone being more conscientious in getting a permit and follow the burning regulations. Again, unless there is snow on the ground, you must have a permit to burn, even if it is raining. To obtain a permit, please contact Fire Warden Ken Barton or Chief Michael Traegde.

As you can see, last year's purchase of a carbon monoxide/gas detector has been put to good use. Many more people are installing monitors in their homes and the number of these calls has increased. Fortunately we have not had any injuries from these alarms and everyone has been evacuated safely.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

**Chief** • Michael Traegde  
**Deputy Chief** • James Mutney  
**Captains** • Michael Benoit & Bob Seavey  
**Lieutenants** • Chris Palermo, and Doug Fountain  
**Training Officers** • Chris Palermo & Mike Benoit  
**Supply Officers** • Doug Demers, Bob Coburn, & Mike Palermo  
**Fire Police** • Donald Barton, Jr.  
**Secretary** • Robin Palermo

In 1997 we plan to place an even greater emphasis on training by offering some more intense in-house courses and continuing to utilize outside schools and instructors. Most of our actively participating members are now Level I certified and several are nearly there.

On behalf of all the fire department officers and members, thank-you for your continued support. Have a safe 1997!

Respectfully submitted,  
 Michael Traegde, Chief,  
 Grantham Fire Department

## BURNING PERMITS

*Unless there is snow on the ground, you must have a permit to burn, even if it is raining. To obtain a permit, please contact Fire Warden Ken Barton or Chief Michael Traegde.*

## F.A.S.T. SQUAD



The Grantham F.A.S.T. Squad responded to 51 calls in 1996 both independently and in response with the Fire Department. This is a decrease of 21 from 1995. The following is a breakdown of the types of calls we attended:

Neurological	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15
Poisoning/Overdose	2
Trauma	4
Respiratory/Cardiovascular	10
Mutual Aid to Fire Dept.	1
Diabetic	3
Orthopedic/Falls	5
Choking	1
Miscellaneous Medical/False Alarms	7

We continue to utilize Newport Ambulance as our primary transport and New London Ambulance as an occasional back-up. This year we also utilized the DHART helicopter for one call.

As you know, E911 went into full service this year and we now have greater access to information on most of our calls. We only had one call that was a 911 hang up!

## NEWPORT AMBULANCE



In calendar 1996, Newport Ambulance Service responded to 890 calls for service. This reflects a little less than 2% increase over the 874 calls handled in the previous year.

There were 70 responses to the Town of Grantham, compared to 81 calls for service in 1995.

During the past year there have been significant changes to the EMS system at both the state and national levels. The greatest change was a complete re-write of the EMT basic curriculum at the national level. This change provides EMTs with additional life-saving skills in emergency medical management.

We are pleased to report that all Newport's personnel have successfully completed the required transition program. Changes at the state level include a complete overhaul of the legislation and regulations involving EMS in New Hampshire.

*If you are interested in joining the squad, please contact Mike Traegde at 863-4733.*

Our membership currently stands at 10 certified EMTs or First Responders, and we are proud of Jill Davis for receiving her EMT-I certification this year.

If you are interested in joining the squad, the minimum requirement is a NH First Responder Provider license. We would be happy to provide you with a list of courses in the state and there is a reimbursement policy. Please contact Mike Traegde at 863-4733 for further information.

As usual, we thank the town for its ongoing support and wish everyone a safe and healthy 1997!

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Traegde & Robin Palermo,  
Grantham F.A.S.T. Squad

Newport Ambulance Service, its personnel and equipment meet — and in most areas exceed — the minimum requirements as set forth by the new guidelines.

We currently operate with a staff of 15 volunteers and a full time paramedic/director. Our recruitment program is ongoing and we are always interested in meeting potential volunteers. Several members of our department are certified instructors who are always eager to help new students learn the ropes.

The Newport Ambulance Department wishes to thank the people in the Town of Grantham for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian W. Tracey ■ Director  
Newport Ambulance Service ■ Newport NH



# FIRE WARDEN



ROBB R. THOMSON  
Commissioner

JOHN E. SARGENT  
Director

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION of FORESTS and LANDS

172 Pembroke Road P.O. Box 1856 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

603-271-2214  
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## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

### 1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

#### FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner  
Forest Ranger

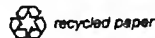
Kenneth Barton  
Forest Fire Warden

Forest Protection (603) 271-2217  
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DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS 603-271-2214

## HOG REEVES



This year the Hog Reeves of Grantham responded to NO calls, even though we waited patiently and were ever alert to respond to any call we may receive for loose swine in Grantham proper.

As for the myth that this post causes a natural interruption to activities that newlyweds may choose to participate in at a higher rate than other couples, we found our activities unencumbered by the pressing responsibilities this honorary position may entail.

At one point this spring, the bride found herself in a wheelchair wondering if this setback would make her job of pursuing piggies in places where the American Disabilities Act had not been enforced — i.e. the wild fields and fauna of our little village. But, these worries were unnecessary as health greatly improved and she was able to walk once again.

The groom continued to be on call, even when he left for flatter lands for his 9-to-5 pursuits.



*On a dark and stormy night  
... as the Hog Reeves slept ... the  
Party Animals were at it again in  
a remote ... and very secret ...  
Grantham location.*

One part of the myth did come true, however, as the bride did not give birth, but had a population explosion at her day care/preschool without so much as a glance at any hogs! She did, however see a porker or two on some Lottery scratch tickets.

The notoriety of this position enabled the Reeves to ride in an open car at the July 4th Old Home Day — the Davidson's car would have made Miss Piggy jealous — but this was our only personal appearance of the year.

We were really honored that the community entrusted us with this great responsibility and we did our best. We can only hope next year's team will have the chance to tumble around in the brush in hot pursuit of some loose livestock themselves!

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Wells & Gary Bogue ❖ Hog Reeves

### FARMING in GRANTHAM

*By Ryan Dyke • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

PEOPLE have been farming in grantham since it was founded.

PEOPLE use them for pulling AND plowing.

People can use tractor for lots of things. People grow crops for food and to seel.

There are fewer farms in Grantham today, but some people in town are still Farming fruit. It is a good business.

## FENCE VIEWERS



Upon realizing Grantham's Fence Viewers, Allan and Shirley MacNicol, were last reported as Massachusetts residents, the Town Office was aghast that this critical appointed village responsibility was in veritable limbo. What if a fence conflict should erupt? Details are sketchy. The following rumors, innuendoes, and total fabrications are circulating:

- The demands of this position apparently drove the current Fence Viewers from the state.
- They went out on a dark and stormy night to view a property line, and made a wrong turn.
- They are at a Fence Viewers' Convention, and will return with lots of pamphlets, free gifts, and receipts, hoping for reimbursal.
- They are mending fences and have had no time to file a report.

— Editor

## TOWN ARCHIVIST



The Grantham Town Archives is an ongoing project to preserve the history of the town and its people, and to serve as a resource for individuals wishing to explore their families' and properties' past.

This resource is a carefully catalogued collection of original town and school records, letters, photographs, and memorabilia, and is available to the public on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are available to assist you in your search.

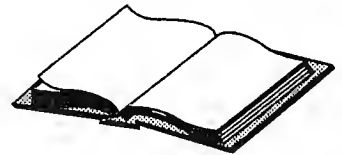
By year-end 1996, volunteers had further progressed sorting, cataloguing, and preserving materials for the archives. With the recent donation of a computer, volunteers expect to develop a user-friendly database about Grantham families.

Visitors would then be able to research birth dates, residences, marriages, personal visits, and more. Another project to bind early Town Annual Reports is scheduled for 1997.

Recent donations to the archives included documents concerning Grey Ledges, Old Home Days, Sherwood Forest, and a few Grantham families. All new documents, letters, photographs, and other Grantham memorabilia are warmly accepted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lea Frey ❧ Town Archivist

*Visit the Archives Room  
at the  
Town  
Office*



**WEDNESDAYS • 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**Do you want to research a grange?**

We have material on the Blue Mountain Grange of Grantham in the Archives.

**Do you think your ancestor from Grantham was in the War of the Rebellion?**

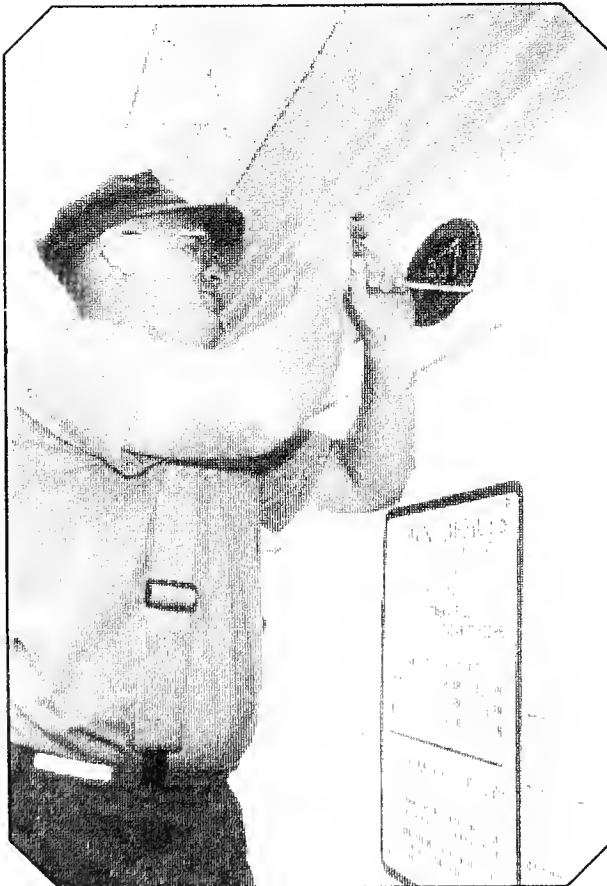
We have a reference book in the Archives.

**Would you like to find out if your ancestor attended a Grantham School in the 1880s?**

We have old school records in the Archives.

**Are you fancying a certain recipe from the 1984 Good Neighbors Club cook book *Our Favorite Recipes*?**

We have a copy in the Archives.



Custodian Ed Buckman installs one of the first six Grantham Historical Society plaques. This one on the Town Office Building, formerly Grantham Hollow School #7.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Grantham Historical Society currently has 36 dues paying members, with a balance of \$1,745 in its treasury, as reported by our Treasurer, Conrad Frey. Revenue for 1996 was obtained from dues, profits from the 1976 Town History, and donations.

The Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner was held in May 1996 at the Town Hall with nearly 40 people in attendance. Officers for the 1996/1997 term were elected. They are:

Michele Daigle	President
Allen Walker	Vice President
Conrad Frey	Treasurer
Geil Orcutt	Secretary

Local weaver and artist, Patryc Wiggins of Newport gave a slide presentation on the Dorr Woolen Mill and its impact on the community of Newport. Dorr Woolens is one of just a few textile mills remaining in Northeast. Patryc's "Newport Mill Tapestry Project", conceived in 1988, pays tribute to Newport's mill working heritage. The tapestry will be permanently displayed at the Sugar River Valley Technical Center. It is a magnificent piece of work.



Our second guest speaker in 1996 was Gwen Gaskell, President of the Washington NH Historical Society. Gwen discussed numerous topics of historical interest relating to town history and the role of historical societies.

Phase I of the GHS Plaque Project was completed in the fall of 1996. The first six buildings were chosen according to their historic importance in Grantham's history. Those locations are:-

1. Town Office Building  
(Grantham Hollow School #7)
2. Grantham Methodist Church  
(Old Meeting House)
3. Former Gibson Home  
(Original Plank House)
4. Dennis Howard's House  
(First Brick House)
5. North Grantham School #8  
(Linwaithe Home Route 10)
6. Dunbar Library

The Historical Society participated in the Grantham Old Home Day Parade on July 4, 1996. Allen Walker drove a charming carriage loaned to us by Joe Forest of Horton's Farm, and was accompanied by Barbara Mutney and Jessica Hastings. Along-side the buggy were my daughter Kristen and myself dressed in 1800's vintage clothing belonging to Phyllis Forest of Grantham.

My personal thanks to Geil Orcutt who recently resigned as Secretary. Your loyalty and hard work were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted  
Michele L. Daigle ❖ President

Kristen Daigle wore an original hat and jacket from the 1800s, loaned by Phyllis Forest for the Historical Society's carriage entry in the July 4, 1996, Old Home Day Parade. She stands before a wheel of the carriage loaned by Joe Forest of Horton Farm, and driven by Allen Walker.

*Photo: Michele Daigle*

## JULY 4TH OLD HOME DAY



Dear People of Grantham, 1996 was the year Grantham "Old Home Day" was re-instated in our town. Technically this occurred because of a popular vote at the meeting of 2001 & Beyond, and through the generosity of the town of Grantham allowing the amount of \$1,500 to be spent on this function. But more importantly, "Old Home Day" came back because of the spirit of numerous volunteers, who dedicated themselves to making this a wonderful town event.

Many people worked very hard, under the guidance of Co-chairs Jutta Cords and Warren Kimball, to organize events that included a parade with everything from ducks in wheelbarrows to flashing fire-trucks to a walking M & M man. Also during the day there was a pancake breakfast, games, musical entertainment, historical speeches,



Jutta Cords & Warren Kimball, 1996 Old Home Day Co-chair.

*Photo: Grantham Old Home Day 1996 Archives*

### 1996 OLD HOME DAY

#### Co-chairs 1996

Jutta Cords & Warren Kimball  
Parade

Deborah Cheever, Joann Purdy,  
& Cindy Towle  
Entertainment

Don Tomlinson & Jutta Cords  
Logistics & Clean-up  
Andy Anderson, Warren Kimball,  
& Kevin Cheever

Food  
Susan Damon

Publicity  
Jim Hurst & Carol Weiss

Historian  
Allen Walker  
Eastman Parade Liaison

Dot Hamm  
Pancake Breakfast  
Mary-Beth Watt

cookie walks, and of course food.

All committee members did their jobs and made the day glitch free. Finally, the clean-up crew made the school grounds as pristine as we found them when tents were set up.

Committee members are also very proud that through careful planning, we were able to remain within the allocated monies. Our budget was over-spent by \$2.80, which was unavoidable on our part, but we felt the town would allow us this over expenditure.

The success of this event can be credited to the enthusasium of the volunteers, spectators and participants in the events of the day. The town of Grantham's spirit shone brighter than the sun that day and set the example of what we can look forward to in future "Old Home Day" festivities.

Please take the time, at Town Meeting, to look at the photos of this day and to sign up for one of the many committees for Grantham's 1997 "OLD HOME DAY." I can personally attest this is one volunteer job YOU WILL HAVE FUN SERVING ON.

Lastly, let me once more thank the people listed herein who served on the committees for this day.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Towle ❖ Secretary  
Old Home Day Committee

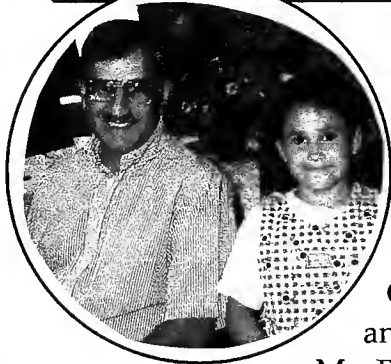
# JULY 4TH OLD HOME DAY



The Friends of the Dunbar Free Library & Girl Scout Troop 170 took to the street.



LET the  
CELEBRATION  
BEGIN!



The day started with a Pancake Breakfast. Here, Bob Champagne and Katherine MacPherson look like satisfied diners.



Above, Allen Walker, Barbara Mutney, & young Jessica Hastings are escorted by Joe Forest & his partner. At left are Fire Chief Mike Traegde & Doug Mountain.



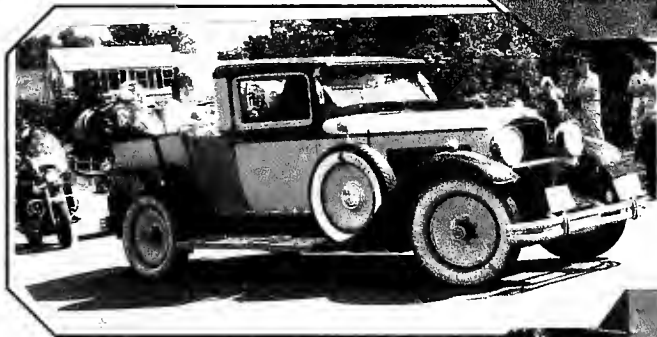
# JULY 4TH OLD HOME DAY



Area Veterans of the 10th Mountain Division marched on the heels of their 50th Anniversary, escorted by Angela Dobson, Jossie Mooney, and Pia Towle-Kimball. Below are Debbie Pierce, Mert & Frances Hastings.

*"When we were putting this together, there were so many people wanting to be in the Parade, it was starting to look like no one would be left to watch."*

— Co-chair Warren Kimball



The parade was completed amidst a brief but cooling rain at the Village School. The Eastmanaires commenced to sing during the July 4th Old Home Day.

A tradition revived, there was a speech or two, as well as dogs & burgers, cool drinks, a quilt raffle, potato sack races, a puppet show, conversation, & friendly faces of all ages.





# THE WAY WE WERE IN ...



❧ 1937 ❧

The town officers were — Selectmen: Edward W. Hutchins, Glenn H. Hudson and Merton Z. Pillsbury; Gladys D. Walker was the town clerk; Donas J. Reney was the town treasurer; Perley Walker was the moderator, and Allen W. Walker was the tax collector.

Voters were asked to approve buying a snow plow for town roads.

The town budget raised \$50 for the police department; \$150 for fire protection and \$20 for the library. The biggest town expense was \$2,300 for highway maintenance.

The county tax was \$1,255.

The town inventory included 36 horses, 2 mules, 130 cows, 80 sheep, and 41 neat stock.

Perley Walker was paid \$3.60 for fumigating candles, and Wilfred Reney 74 cents for spikes.

The town property was valued at \$11,875, and the town clerk reported \$251.50 in auto license fees and \$53.01 for dog licenses. The town held \$1,923 in trust funds.

Librarian Bernice M. Howe reported the purchase of 49 new books, 884 books loaned during the year, and \$3.12 in fines.

Robert J. Fuller, Hanover, was superintendent of schools; Rosamund L. Kimball, Alberta A. Hastings and Gladys D. Walker were school board members. Ruth Holt, teacher of grades 5 through 8 in the Grammar Room, was paid \$900, and Jeanne Adams, teacher of grades 1 through 4 in the Primary Room, was paid \$733.34. Mary Stone, teacher of grades 1 through 8 at North Grantham, earned \$740.04.

Forty three children were enrolled at the Village School, and a circulating heater was installed at the North Grantham School. Twelve cord of wood at \$7 a cord was purchased by the district.

❧ 1947 ❧

Glenn H. Hudson was the moderator; Joshua H. Dunbar, town clerk; Madge B. Shaw, town treasurer, and Elwin J. Kimball, tax collector. Miss Shaw, Dorothy H. Pillsbury and Ella B. Reney were library trustees, and Leon Mayo was the police officer and dog constable.

The town spent \$14,827.48 during 1947.

The soldiers' exemptions were \$10,790, and the

## The FOUNDING of GRANTHAM

*By Eric Covill • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

"The first settlement was on the west side of the mountain in 1767. The first settlement was on Dunbar Hill." It was named after John Dunbar. John Dunbar was the first settler on Dunbar Hill. Other people came on Dunbar Hill and other parts of Grantham.

Today there is 1,361 people in Grantham.

county tax was \$1,080.68.

The town borrowed \$1,000 to pay for a fire pumper.

Leon Mayo earned \$37 for his work, and Miss Shaw was paid \$1 for typing the town warrant.

The town was paying withholding taxes for town employees, and \$308.10 spent remodeling the town shed.

Cora E. Sherman, Ella B. Reney, and William R. Church Sr., were school board members, and William J. English, Lebanon, was superintendent of schools.

The school warrant asked voters to approve \$125 to install new window sash at the Grantham Village School, and a small well was dug just outside the building to furnish water for the septic tanks.

State Aid for the school district was \$2,878.10, and teachers' salaries were: Gladys D. Walker, Primary room, and Mabel Pillsbury, Grammar Room, \$1,150 each. Grace C. Hannigan and Mavis H. Cote, teaching at North Grantham, earned \$517.40 and 618.70. Substitutes' pay was \$5 per day. There were 58 pupils in the two schools.

Ann Kimball, Jennett Sherman, Barbara Jennings, Evelyn Pillsbury, Walter Reney, Maurice Hastings and Joyce Sherman were students at Newport High School; Elsie Pillsbury, Howard Pillsbury, Margaret Holmes, Ronald Dunbar, Shirley Sanders and Edith Holmes attended

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# THE WAY WE WERE IN ...



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Lebanon High School; and Janet Spooner attended Claremont High School. The tuition bill was \$1,316.66, and there was no public high school transportation.

From the superintendent's report: "It has been a pleasure to work with the Grantham School Board, as it is always a pleasure to work with people of honest intentions."

Francis D. Mutney of the U.S. Navy and Barbara E. Holmes, a stitcher, were married July 13, 1947 in Grantham.

## ❧ 1957 ❧

The selectmen were Peter E. Forest, Everett R. Reney, and Wilfred M. Hastings; Frances A. Carver was the town treasurer; Merton W. Hastings was road agent, Eugene Eaklor was the police officer, and Arthur R. Carver was chief of the fire department.

Voters were asked to appropriate a sum of money for a town dump, and to authorize the selectmen to purchase land for a new cemetery and borrow money for that purpose.

It cost \$175.75 to operate the dump this year.

The town inventory included electric utilities valued at \$13,700, house trailers used as dwellings at \$1,000, and road building, repairing machinery, \$14,000.

Twenty-eight veterans' property tax exemptions were \$28,000, and 38 veterans were exempted from paying poll taxes.

Town property was valued at \$17,000.

The tax collector collected \$21,034.91 in taxes, and the town clerk collected \$1,579.94 for 234 auto permits, and \$153.00 for 55 dog licenses.

The town paid the state \$796.92 for White Pine Blister Rust control.

Fire Chief Carver reported that the department now had 16 men which included two assistant chiefs, 2 captains and 2 lieutenants, and that members of the Willing Workers Club have been instructed in the use of the fire pump and truck.

The superintendent of schools was Hammond A. Young, Lebanon, and John F. Mohla, Phyllis H. Forest, and Alden H. Pillsbury served on the school board.

The town's share of the superintendent's salary was \$156.60, and salaries of administration person-

nel were \$218.66.

David Reney, Clyde Currier, Russell Osgood, and Everett Reney each received \$1 for work improving the buildings, and the superintendent noted that "the buildings are equipped with modern facilities."

Robert Aiken, Cecil Currier, Shirley Hamilton, Joyce Currier, Kathleen Reney, and Sandra Cote attended Newport High School, and Lauren Flewelling, John Pillsbury, David Barton, Paul Hamilton, Stanley Smith, Clifford Barber, Bruce Flewelling, Brenda Hastings, Beverly Holmes, Wilma Smith, William Wallace, Dean Barton, Janice Currier, Leonard Pillsbury, and Stephen Swensen attended Lebanon High School.

## ❧ 1967 ❧

This was the Bicentennial edition of the Town Report with pictures of the August 1967 Bicentennial events.

A bronze plaque with the silhouette of Jerry Dean Pillsbury and honoring the World War II servicemen not previously listed followed by the names of those serving during the Korean Conflict and the Viet Nam Crisis, to date, was mounted on a new stone in front of the Dunbar Library.

Eleanor Reney, secretary of the Bicentennial Committee, gave a detailed report and a "thank you" in this edition.

The town gave \$200 for the event, and \$882.15 was raised by sales and contributions. Expenses were \$721, and the balance of \$361.15 was used to publish the 1967 town history.

Edward Hutchins was town moderator, B. Joey Holmes, town clerk; Earline M. Pillsbury, town treasurer; Eleanor M. Reney was the tax collector and Carlton R. Benoit, Alfred M. Holmes, and Maurice D. Reney were selectmen. Roland Hardy was the fire chief.

The town clerk collected \$2,730.10 in dog licenses and auto fees.

The road agent; Ernest M. Pillsbury, spent \$4,228.64 for labor and supplies on the summer and winter roads.

Librarian Bernice M. Howe reported the gift of a set of encyclopedias from the North Grantham School.

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Gordon R. Tate, Lebanon, was superintendent of schools, and Jeannine R. Currier, F. Robert Osgood, and William Willis served on the school board.

Voters were asked to appropriate the sum of \$3,208.44 for the purchase of a school bus, and to consider the future of the North Grantham School, now closed with 7th and 8th grade pupils tuitioned to Lebanon.

The last 8th grade graduation took place in June in the United Methodist Church with a class of 10 receiving their diplomas.

Dwight Phetteplace, a senior at Lebanon High School, was selected a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

## ❧ 1977 ❧

Charles L. Moore, Jr., was town moderator; Everett R. Reney, Maurice D. Reney, and Wilfred M. Hastings were selectmen; Alden H. Pillsbury, Wilfred M. Hastings, Merle W. Schotanus, Ella B. Reney, and John Rockwell were Planning Board members, Mathilde M. English, Amah R. Howard, and Lucy Sheerr were library trustees.

Linda R. Moore was librarian, and Meg Holt and Donna Stamper were auditors.

The town had a surplus of \$75,483.76 at the end of the year. Total warrants for the year were \$268,101.09.

The town clerk collected \$17,242.50 in auto permits.

It cost \$4,939.80 for the town dump and garbage removal.

Operating costs for the Dunbar Free Library were \$2,001.75.

The Planning Board approved the transfer of West Cove Beach from Controlled Environment Corporation to the Eastman Community Association, and board members met with several residents seeking a suitable cemetery site during the year.

The police officers answered 329 calls during the year.

A partition in the Dunbar Free Library was sold for \$250 to Emil Hanslin for use in the Eastman Club House.

Daniel J. Whitaker, Lebanon, was the school superintendent; F. Robert Osgood was the school

## GRANTHAM FIRE STATION

*By Shaun Hastings • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The old fire station used to be in the new fire station's parking lot.

The old fire station was built in 1955. The two trucks were kept in the chief's garage in 1954. Volunteer firefighters were hired in 1954. A truck took out the front of the old fire station.

Everyone is a volunteer at the new fire station. If the firefighters show up for a fire they get paid \$6.00 an hour. There are (30) members and five of them are girls. Carly Benoit was the first chief then, and when he retired, his son, Michael, took over and was chief until 1991.

The Grantham firefighter's have handled many many fires. They have almost handled 1,000 fires!!! All of the fires have been completely put out. Some of the fire's have been at gas stations.

Grantham firefighters are really nice people.

moderator; Janis Hastings was the school clerk; Earline Pillsbury was treasurer; and Amah Howard, Jeanette Struble and Frances Hastings served on the school board.

Voters approved an appropriation of \$1,392 to run a late activity bus for Grantham Junior High and High School students.

District officers' salaries were \$695; teachers salaries were \$38,798, and Grantham's share of Supervisory Union #32 expenses was \$7,995.18.

School children used the recreational facilities at the Enfield School Gym, the Newport Recreational Center, and the Eastman facilities.

Theresa Field, who managed the hot lunch pro-

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## THE WAY WE WERE ...



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gram, served 35 hot lunches daily.

Mabel Patten, Springfield, volunteered at the Grantham Co-operative Kindergarten, and Althea Barton, Croydon, volunteered at the Village School.

There were 43 pupils in grades 1 through 6, and 9 pupils at the kindergarten in Springfield.

Sixth grade graduates were Scott Carr, Jean Dio, Lisa Masone, Christopher Osgood, Tanya Traegde, and Cheryl Wilson.

Wesley Adam was born to Rickey and Wanda Hastings, and Rebecca Delia to Arnold and Delia Anderson.

Cindy Ruth Holmes married Clifford Clyde Dyer, Jr., on March 12, 1977, in the United Methodist Church, and her mother, B. Joey Holmes, Justice of Peace, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

### ❧ 1987 ❧

Page 5 picture — Town officers and employees: Shirley Curtis, treasurer and planning board recording secretary; Barbara Woodburn, tax collector; Louise Rinaldi and Wanda Hastings, custodians; Clyde Currier and Herman Barton, transfer station attendants; Frances Hastings, town clerk; Michael Traegde, road agent; Paul Franklin, administrative assistant. Missing — Barbara Mutney, selectmen's secretary; Ronald Shepherd, Frederick Curtis, and Stephen Jordan, selectmen. (Photo by Jim Mutney)

Louise Mooney was the librarian; B. Joey Holmes, assistant librarian, and Carlton Benoit was the fire chief.

The net valuation of the town was \$155,112,510, and the town and Eastman precinct tax rate was \$11.04 per thousand.

Eight hundred sixty-eight residents paid a tax of \$10 each; 106 veterans received war service tax credits, and six people qualified for elderly exemptions.

A detailed statement of payments ran from pages 27 to 34.

The police department's costs were \$50,271.09.

By a ballot vote of 146 to 96 voters at the March 10, 1987, Town Meeting defeated a petition article seeking approval for two sessions of the Annual Town Meeting.

Fred Curtis moved that the town express its

gratitude to Dave Tilden for all his time and efforts on the youth recreation program.

An article to fund a second full-time police officer was defeated on a ballot vote, 58 to 64.

Voters approved the sum of \$9,000 to renovate the town offices and build a walk-in vault.

The selectmen were authorized to be the franchising authority of cable television in Grantham pursuant to RSA 53-C.

Fred Stockwell offered the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Town Meeting of Grantham in the year 1987 recognize the passing of Emil Hanslin in New London. Emil was the architect, developer and part-owner of Controlled Environment Corporation that built Eastman in Grantham." A moment of silent prayer was held.

On page 49, there was a tribute to Carlton Benoit, Grantham Fire Chief, who retired after 17 years as chief.

The Lake Sunapee Savings Bank donated a copier to the Dunbar Free Library.

Sara Townsend, Plainfield, and Merle Schotanus were the town's representatives to the General Court.

Helen Schotanus, Susan Figley, and Jane Underhill served on the Grantham School Board.

Peter Bonaccorsi, the head teacher at the Elementary School, reported an enrollment of 77 pupils in K through 6, and that all classes now had computers in the classrooms.

Kevin Barton, Todd Barton, Richard Beaulieu, Kerry Clapp, Sandra Emery, Kathleen Glidden, and Gregory Turner were seniors at Lebanon High School.

Karl Shepherd, Zachary Camber, Allison Hale and Jacalyn Hastings were among the 1987 births.

Joseph Beaulieu married Gina Preston on July 18, 1987, in Croydon.

The 1987 town report had 88 pages.

— Ella B. Reney

*Compiled from Grantham Town Reports*

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES



Cemetery Trustees Warren Kimball and Dennis Howard met with Ed Buckman, Town Custodian and Cemetery Sexton for one meeting and informally as needed to care for the Grantham Cemeteries. Trustee Chris Covell was not available but was sent reports.

Interest income from Perpetual Care and Cemetery Maintenance Trust Funds in the amount of \$695.83 was transferred by the Trustees of Trust Funds to the General Fund toward the Cemetery Maintenance Budget for 1996.

During the fall of 1996 Keene Monument Company repaired nine gravestones at Dunbar Hill Cemetery and some 30 gravestones at Hilldale Cemetery for a total of \$3,500 paid from the Cemetery Budget. Keene Monument Company made repairs and cleaned monuments for eight Perpetual Care lots in Hilldale Cemetery for a total of \$1,719 which was paid out of interest income on those lots. More work is scheduled for the spring of 1997.

The Cemetery Budget for 1997 includes funds for a portion (\$2,000) of the estimated \$13,133 needed to complete repairs and replacement of unrepairable grave markers at Hilldale Cemetery. It also includes \$2,600 to install a new fence around the Hastings Cemetery on Burpee Hill. The Trustees recommended replacing this fence due to new homes surrounding the cemetery. The existing fence along the front will be used to protect the

Fisher Cemetery. The entrance to Memorial Cemetery needs to be paved to control drainage on to the School/Municipal Building Driveway.

The Trustees thank all those who provided instruction and information to the Grantham School children who visited Dunbar Hill Cemetery as one of their class projects.

They also thank Joey Holmes and her grandson, Travis Dyer, for placing the American flags on graves of military service people. The Trustees welcome the work of volunteers in keeping our cemeteries in good condition.

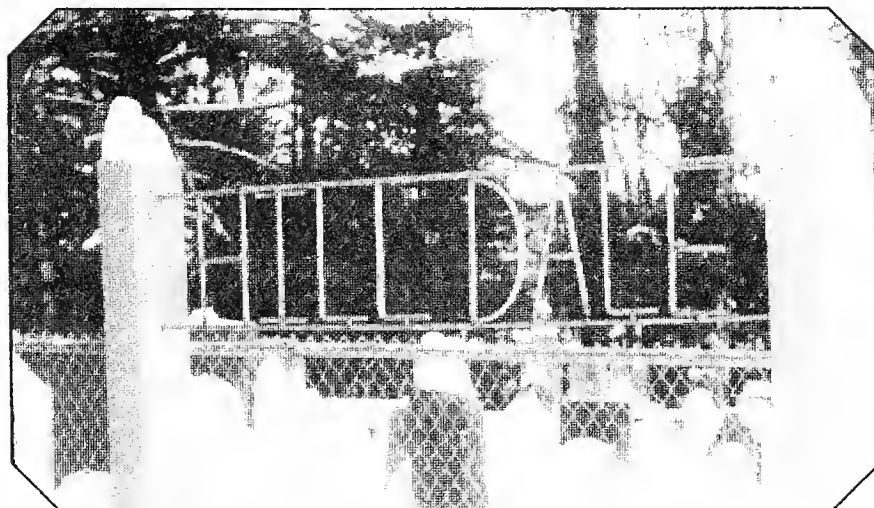
The Cemetery Trustees accepted a bequest from the Will of Lillian F. Howard which has been added to the Perpetual Care Funds of the Dunbar Hill Cemetery. The Trustees would like to have more Perpetual Care Funds for the Dunbar Hill Cemetery and Hilldale Cemeteries to ensure the long-range care of these valuable historical sites.

The Trustees appreciate Ed Buckman's efforts toward time and money-saving improvements in the cemeteries. His patience and cooperation with families at the time of burials, lot care and other concerns is to be commended.

### CEMETERY SEXTON'S REPORT

Two family lots in the Memorial Cemetery have been sold in 1996. There were five burials in Memorial Cemetery, three burials in Hilldale Cemetery, and one burial in Dunbar Hill Cemetery.

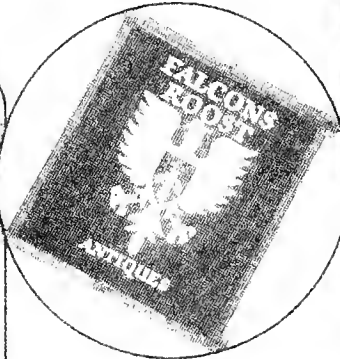
Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Buckman ❧ Sexton



Weathering well, the sign designed by Dennis Howard and created by Sexton Ed Buckman in 1995 stands solemn watch at Hill Dale Cemetery.

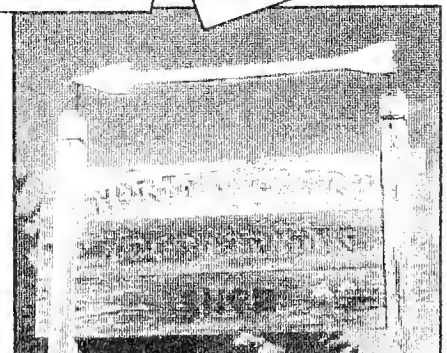
*Photo: Lucy Wells*

# SHINGLES



## The STORE

By Jared Fisher  
Mrs. Buckman's Class  
The Store has been up for 15 years. The Store got its name because it was the only store in town. Linda Preston owns the store. The Store provides food like ice cream, cereal, and meat. It has a variety of other items. It is alot like the general store of days gone by.





# SHINGLES

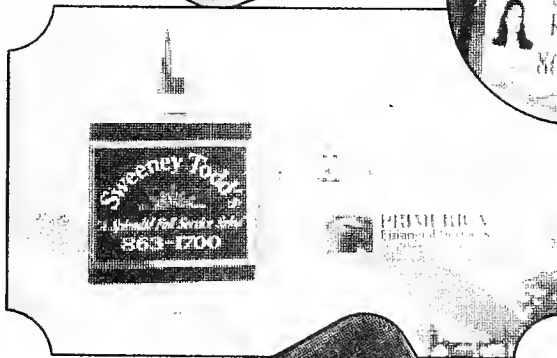


## ORCHARDS

*By Heather Stearns • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

King Blossom is the oldest orchard in town. King Blossom is 40 years old. The Figley family has owned King Blossom for 14 years. King Blossom sells pumpkins, apples, vegetables, jams, and jellies. King Blossom used to be called Spooners Orchard.

There are 2 other orchards in Grantham like Juniper Hills Farms and Surger Springs Farms.



AND MANY  
MORE ...



## COMMUNITY CRISIS FUND



The Grantham Community Crisis Fund is a non-profit organization. The goal of this group is to give temporary financial help in a time of need, that in a crisis anyone can call and get help. Confidentiality is respected in all aspects of the process.

"Neighbor helping Neighbor" is printed on the brochure with the hope that if know there is a neighbor in need, you will contact any of the four

members of the committee. There are brochures in various banks, stores and the post office.

It is the desire of the founders and the Fund's operating committee that this venture be genuinely helpful to all in Grantham and that everyone will feel a sense of ownership and participation.

### DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1996

\$ 500.00	Eastmanaires '95 Christmas Concert
\$ 850.00	Eastman's Iceout guess competition
\$ 101.00	Country Revels
\$ 76.50	Food sale at Revels
\$ 200.00	Lebanon Rotary
\$ 1,245.00	Private Contributions
\$ 105.00	Eastman Bridge Bunch

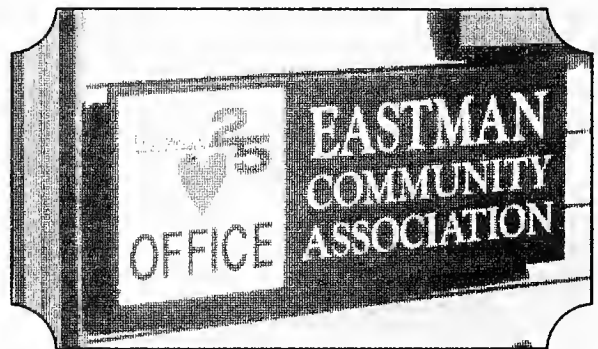
### EASTMAN

*By Zack Camber • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

My class has been studying about Grantham. I chose to do research on the part of Eastman that's in Grantham.

Over the years Eastman's population has gotten a lot bigger. Eastman has a golf course that makes people want to buy property because lots of people like golf and some people want to get out of their house. There is a really warm swimming pool I have been to.

Eastman Lake: Eastman Lake is 345 acres long. If Eastman Lake is too cold you can go to the pool. 6 loons were sighted on Eastman Lake in 1989.



*Eastman!*  
*Happy Anniversary in 1996!*

### DRAPER MILL

*By Matthew Ruby • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

In 1907 the Draper company bought a lot of land mostly in Grantham. Nine years later in 1925 the hardwood was used up. Draper move his mill to the Beebe River New Hampshire.

While Draper was in town he had job openings for a lot of the people in Grantham. Draper Inc. was important to the town's economy.

The Draper Mill had a lot of buildings. The first building was a tall building with two big doors for logging teams to drop off logs. The second building was a small building. The third was a little bigger. The fourth was used to store the wood and the fifth one was for making the wood into bobbins and looms. In 1925 Draper left Grantham.

# LAKE SUNAPEE VISITING NURSES



## LAKE SUNAPEE HOME CARE & HOSPICE LAKE SUNAPEE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

### SERVICES PROVIDED TO PEOPLE IN GRANTHAM

Home health care helps patients return  
to their optimal level of health.

Visits made	1,730
Patients served	55

Hospice is a family-centered program  
for patients who are terminally ill.

Patients served	5
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Long-term care

Hours of service	188
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Flu & other immunizations

Patients served	133
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Well child clinic and parent child program

Children served	22
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Day care — after school and summer child care

Children served	21
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In late 1996, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association finalized a strategic pathway to the future — we joined an integrated health care delivery system, Capital Region Health Care Corporation in Concord, NH. We created this pathway by affiliating with the New London Hospital Association.

The future development of our new partnership and our innovative, high quality programs will support the VNA's mission to improve the health of the community and provide quality, cost-effective care to individuals and families in community settings.

Three VNA employees; one VNA Trustee, Mary Zentis; one CHS Trustee, Jean Grinold, and many volunteers live in Grantham. We depend heavily on the selfless support of volunteers and employees who contribute hours to the success of our programs. For them and our Trustees, we are grateful.

Cheryl Blik  
President and CEO

Depot Square, Newport — 863-4088  
290 County Road, New London — 526-4077  
PO Box 2209, New London, NH 03257-2209

### HORTON'S FARM

*By Lana LaBelle • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Horton's Farm is a horse farm. It's a good business and a big place.

Horton's farm has changed in the last decade in Grantham. Joe and Patty do not take problem horses any more. Patty specialities in kids horse back riding. Horton's Farm was a dairy farm at one time.

Horton's farm has helpers. They board about thirty-five horses now. They

teach jumping and fancy english riding.

Joe and his gradpa, Leston built Horten farms. Together they saw a dream come true. Leston always likes horses and helped Joe learn a lot about them.

Today if anyone would like to learn about horses and riding they should go to Horten's farm. It is a place for horse lovers.

# KEARSARGE COUNCIL ON AGING



July 1996 marked the fourth anniversary of Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. Throughout 1996, COA continued its growth. Membership increased by 13%, clients served by 30%, and units of service by 35% over 1995.

Pursuing its aim "to help make our later years a productive, positive time of life instead of a time of loneliness and uncertainty", COA continued in 1996 to serve members with:

- Rides for non-drivers,
- Mr. Fixit repairs,
- Telephone Reassurance,
- Friendly Visitor,
- Call-in services,
- Intergenerational projects
- Cooperative efforts with other organizations.



Conversations with Lunch, Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, Christmas Reception and two programs funded by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities Council, "American Family" and "No, But I've Seen the Movie" served as social and educational gatherings with a combined attendance of over 1400 during 1996.

A walking program for seniors was introduced in November at the Sunapee High School gym. Other towns are scheduled to start on January 6, 1997.

## GRANTHAM

*By Heidi M. Bowers • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Hi my name is Heidi Bowers and I am in fourth grade.

The town of Grantham was founded in 1767. Grantham is six square miles. There are fifteen to twenty businesses in Grantham. The town office is about 200 years old. Grantham is really cool town and I like living here.

KEARSARGE AREA  
**COA**  
COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

On October 26, 1996, a conference for older people, their families and caregivers was held at Kearsarge Middle School. "Taking Back Our Elder Years" was hosted by COA and co-sponsored by 15 local agencies. Financial support was provided by the Hilary & James Cleveland Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

The conference was led by Joan Doran, COA Vice Chairman and was attended by over 200 seniors. A post-conference evaluation by attendees rated the program's six themes, "excellent", or "very good". Many constructive suggestions were offered for future presentations.

On December 1, 1996 COA moved to its new Program Center at 12 Newport Road in New London. This larger center will allow for provision of services in-house rather than depending on donated space from other institutions.

Programs to start in January will include exercise, bridge lessons, painting, quilting, nutrition, movies, card playing and games. Computer classes are planned to be introduced later in the year. Members will be kept informed by the COA Newsletter.

COA is deeply grateful for financial support from Grantham and other area towns, from donors to fund drive and events, from advertisers in its newsletter, from foundation grants and from individual clients.

COA extends a very special thank you to the volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents. Except for Nancy Friese, administrative assistant, the COA is an entirely volunteer organization.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert J. Bradley

# EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR



## REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

*Raymond S. Burton ❧ Councilor, District One*

**I**t is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord.

We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters, 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed herein).

**C**itizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18-month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

2) The 10-year highway planning process will be under way this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourist groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-255.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussler, Surplus Distribution at 271-3236.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

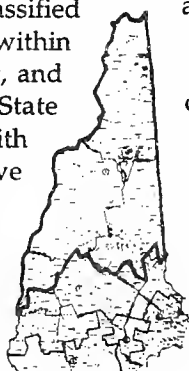
8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

**O**ur State Government is small, effective, and efficient. It is amazing how many services in both technical information and financial assistance are available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton  
State House - Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301  
Tel. (603) 271-3632



## REP. MERLE SCHOTANUS



The year 1996 was historic in state government in both political and legislative terms.

Republican Governor Merrill's surprise announcement in April that he would not seek a third term started a round of political musical chairs that ended with the election of a Democrat, and the state's first woman Governor. In the Legislature, Representative Donna Sytek of Salem became the state's first woman Speaker of the House and the Democrats made significant gains in both the House and Senate.

In the '96 legislative session, lawmakers opened up the electric utility and healthcare markets, passed kindergarten incentive funding after years of trying, and took a stab, albeit weak, at temporarily solving the state's perennial fiscal problems. An increase in cigarette taxes was proposed but defeated, as was raising revenues through the licensing and regulation of video gambling machines. All of this sets the stage for two exciting legislative sessions in the FY 97-98 biennium.

It is likely 1997 will be a year in which the new Governor emphasizes pragmatic solutions to problems without the political rhetoric we have been used to. The legislative debate is likely to concentrate on budget priorities, electric utility deregulation; education funding; an increased cigarette tax, and legalizing video poker machines at the state's horse and dog race tracks.

There will be little chance of funding existing programs at a respectable level or increasing state aid to municipalities without raising additional revenue. You can expect the legislature to tinker with existing taxes, but reform of New Hampshire's antiquated and inequitable tax structure is not in the cards.

Additionally, the state was warned by the major bond rating services in December 1996 that it must put its fiscal house in order if it is to maintain its current high bond rating of AA+. This is critical because the higher the bond rating, the less interest cost to the taxpayer for state borrowing. The warning was a result of recur-



Rep. Merle W. Schotanus

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Grantham NH 03753-7725

In Concord • 271-3565

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Concord NH 03301



ring operating deficits over the past three years.

After eight rewarding years on the House Finance Committee, I will now serve as the clerk of the Public Works and Highways Committee, which deals with the state's capital budget, highways, bridges and public building projects.

Although busy, the committee's relatively relaxed pace, compared to the hectic schedule of the finance committee, will allow me more time to pursue other legislation of interest to my constituents. I will be working on several bills in the 1997 session, including:

- Conservation license plates,
- 1848 abortion laws,
- Snowmobile registration fees,
- Red Cross emergency volunteers,
- Local approval of river corridor plans
- Milfoil, and
- Forest landowner estate taxes.

I am pleased to report that the FY 97 \$15.1 million County budget required a zero tax increase, thanks to efficient management by the county administrator and commissioners.

I will, for the sixth time, chair the 14-member Sullivan County legislative delegation. I am pleased to welcome Representative Dick Leone from Sunapee to the delegation. His vast experience in education administration and town government will add greatly to the delegation's expertise.

I also welcome back to the District 3 team Peter Burling of Cornish, who is no stranger to the legislature. Peter will put his broad public affairs experience and expertise to work as the leader of the loyal opposition in the House.

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## REP. MERLE SCHOTANUS



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I wish also to publicly thank two departing members of the District 3 legislative team for their outstanding service to their constituents, county government, and the State of New Hampshire: Tom Behrens of Sunapee who returns full time to the business world after 10 years of legislative service, and Sandy Stettenheim of Plainfield, who retired after one term to pursue other endeavors with her husband, Peter.

I am confident that the newly elected team of Burling, Leone and Schotanus will continue to provide strong, visible representation in Concord and

at the county for the residents of Districts 1, 2, and 3, Sullivan County.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who continue to have confidence in me to represent your interests in Concord, as indicated by your very supportive vote in November 1996 to elect me to a seventh term. As always, I stand ready to serve you in Concord and in the County. You can reach me:

Respectfully submitted,  
Representative Merle W. Schotanus  
District 3, Sullivan County ❧ Grantham

## REP. RICHARD C. LEONE



Thank you for this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the voters of Grantham-Springfield-Sunapee for the vote of confidence at the November 5th election. I respect this as a privilege and subscribe to the saying that "one should never forget the public who put one there".

As a new legislator, I am anxious to learn the process as soon as possible. I am delighted that I have been appointed to the Municipal and County Government Committee. Hopefully, this will provide an opportunity for our area to be heard and attuned to the very important issues our towns and counties face on a day-to-day basis.

Coupled with the varied community needs, the threat of escalating costs, susceptibility to eroding tax bases, and the need to maintain our area as a desirable place to live, I welcome the responsibility to be involved.

In the area of constituent service, I am looking forward to working with the various boards, citizens groups and individuals within the district. I hope to become more familiar with both state and county functions in the weeks ahead.

If you have a concern with a local, county, or state issue, or wish to secure information about a particular House or Senate bill, and the like, I encourage you to write to me at 310 North Road, Sunapee, NH 03782, telephone or fax me at 763-9933; or contact me at Room 301 at the Concord Legislative Office Building, telephone 271-3317, in Concord. Every effort will be made to immediately respond to your concerns. I look forward to serving District #2 for the next two years.



Representative Richard C. Leone  
In Sunapee • Ph/Fx 763-9933  
310 North Road  
Sunapee NH 03782  
In Concord • 271-3317  
Room 301, LOB  
Concord NH 03301



Respectfully submitted,  
Representative Richard C. Leone  
District 2, Sullivan County

# VITAL STATISTICS: MARRIAGES



REGISTERED in the TOWN of GRANTHAM for the YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE & PLACE	NAME & SURNAME of the GROOM & BRIDE	RESIDENCE of EACH	DATES & PLACES of BIRTH	NAMES of PARENTS	NAME, RESIDENCE, OFFICIAL STATION of PERSON by whom MARRIED
January 1, 1996	James William Montgomery Carson	Grantham	07/19/50 WV	Lawrence Emoroy Carson Gerald Troxell	Elizabeth K Smith Justice of the Peace
Hanover	Karen Ann Walraven	Brooklyn NY	11/27/61 AR	Kornelis Jacobus Walraven Judith Ann Schott	Hanover NH
June 1, 1996	Anthony Alexander Boisvert	Grantham	10/24/68 MA	Roland Willie Boisvert Pauline Theresa Kazmierczak	Douglas L Dean Pastor
Sutton	Rachel Ann Herman	Grantham	08/04/74 NY	Roger Barnard Herman Beuna Rae Sawyer	Sutton NH
July 20, 1996	Clinton Alfred Bean	Grantham	11/23/44 VT	Linwood Hilman Bean Sr Alice Elizabeth Reynolds	Joseph F Daschbach Justice of the Peace
Grantham	Cynthia Louise Chapman	Grantham	04/25/47 MA	Russell Scott Bronson Marie Theresa Dragon	Lyme NH
July 9, 1996	Kurt Gerhard Akesson	Grantham	06/27/29 Sweden	Nils Hjalmar Akesson Anna Charlotte Nilsson	Raymond J Chaput Justice of the Peace
Carroll	Michele Therese Melanoon	Grantham	04/08/58 MA	David Raymond Melanoon Claire Marie Pineault	Twin Mountain NH
August 3, 1996	Robert Leon McGrath	Grantham	07/29/35 DC	Robert Louis McGrath Marie Loofe	Rev Malcolm J Grobe Clergy
Warren	Mary Ganier Trescott	Grantham	04/05/43 TN	Albert Franklin Ganier Mary Campbell Napier	Meriden NH
August 17, 1996	Jeffrey Scot Swensen	Grantham	11/25/69 NH	William Henry Swensen Linda Greenough Bagley	Rev Dennis G Robbins Chaplain
Canaan	Suzanne Rene Charbono	Grantham	11/27/66 NH	Stanley Allen Charbono Shirley Jean Neily	Canaan NH
August 17, 1996	Charles Lynn Cole	Grantham	05/06/51 PA	Robert J Cole Priscilla E Weaver	David A Sutherland Justice of the Peace
Newbury	Kristina Jurate Fredericks	Grantham	09/23/51 NY	Ignas Ozalas Stase Samas	Spafford NH
Sept. 11, 1996	Jorge Luis Gonzalez	Grantham	12/23/59 Cuba	Jose Luis Gonzalez Loida Leon	B. Joey Holmes Justice of the Peace
Grantham	Anika Marie Whitney	Grantham	05/17/55 OR	Casper Whitney Alberta June Blanchard	Grantham NH
Sept. 17, 1996	Merton Willis Hastings III	Grantham	07/17/72 NH	Merton Willis Hastings Jr Frances Louise Beaupré	John M Gregory-Davis Minister
Meriden	Sarah Lee Woodbury	Meriden	08/16/74 NH	James Winn Woodbury Barbara Bolio	Meriden NH
October 5, 1996	Stanley Ronald Wright	Grantham	06/26/65 NH	Stanley Ronald Young Roseanne Bunnel	Richard A Wallace Clergyman
Goshen	Sandra Lee Mary Sirek	Grantham	07/06/62 NH	James Arthur Kinney Lola Elaine Arsenaault	Acworth NH
Nov. 2, 1996	Russell Gibson French	West Springfield	11/01/76 NH	Richard Gibson French Luella Mae Moody	Frances Hastings Justice of the Peace
Springfield	Christina Peirce	Grantham	02/03/76 NH	James Robert Peirce Deborah Ruth Paynotta	Grantham NH



I hereby certify that the foregoing returns  
are correct according to the best of  
my knowledge and belief,  
Frances Hastings ❧ Town Clerk



# VITAL STATISTICS: BIRTHS & DEATHS



## BIRTHS: REGISTERED in the TOWN of GRANTHAM for the YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE of BIRTH	NAME of CHILD	SEX	NAME of FATHER	NAME of MOTHER	RESIDENCE of PARENTS	F**	M**
Jan. 19, 1996	Erika Michelle Tischbein	F	Michael Tischbein	Caroline Tischbein	Grantham	NJ	NJ
Feb. 21, 1996	Eric Joseph Lavik	M	Lawrence Eugene Lavik	Nancy Ann Lavik	Grantham	RI	RI
April 11, 1996	Nicole Jae Barton	F	Kevin Kenneth Barton	Angela Marie Barton	Grantham	NH	NH
April 14, 1996	Nicholas George Hamel	M	Keven Martin Hamel	Melissa Hamel	Grantham	VT	OH
April 15, 1996	Jeffrey Newton Purdy	M	Andrew Whitfield Purdy	Joann Purdy	Grantham	CA	WI
April 28, 1996	Stephen Austin Tate	M	Stephen Jaffrey Tate	Dawn Marie Tate	Grantham	CT	MA
May 4, 1996	Trevor Russell Field	M	David Marshall Field	Mary Sue Field	Grantham	CT	MA
May 10, 1996	Emily Kay Palermo	F	Christopher J Palermo	Robin Maria Palermo	Grantham	NY	NH
June 24, 1996	Rachei Elizabeth Berg	F	James William Berg	Susan Berg	Grantham	WI	NY
July 29, 1996	Sierra Marie Jordahl Keat	F	Russell John Keat	Faye Marie Keat	Grantham	DC	NY
Aug. 17, 1996	Christian Anthony Guignard	M	Anthony Richard Guignard	Tracey Ann Guignard	Grantham	NH	ME
Sept. 17, 1996	Rebecca Deborah Holdowsky	F	Michard Martin Holdowsky	Marcy Elizabeth Levine-Holdowsky	Grantham	DC	CT
Nov. 23, 1996	Heidi Kathleen Martin	F	Donald Bruce Martin	Susan Metzler Martin	Grantham	RI	NY
Nov. 30, 1996	Ty Andrew Sanders	M	Frederick Arthur Sanders	Pamela Grace Sanders	Grantham	NH	NH
Dec. 10, 1996	Gerret Marshall Field	M	Daniel Reginald Field	Laurie Lynn Field	Grantham	VT	NH
Dec. 14, 1996	Natalie Gladys Cartier	F	Todd John Cartier	Erin Anne Cartier	Grantham	NH	MA



I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
 Frances Hastings ❖ Town Clerk

F\*\* BIRTHPLACE of FATHER  
 M\*\* BIRTHPLACE of MOTHER

## DEATHS: REGISTERED in the TOWN of GRANTHAM for the YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE of DEATH	NAME & SURNAME of DECEASED	AGE	PLACE of BIRTH	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED	SEX	OCCUPATION	NAME of FATHER	NAME of MOTHER
Feb. 13, 1996	Ethel Deller Hardy	74	NH	F Widowed		Seamstress	Richard A Miner	Clara A Fletcher
Mar. 11, 1996	Judith Goldberg Alexander	80	MA	F Married		Homemaker	Joseph Goldberg	Dora Romanof
Mar. 31, 1996	Kauko Ludwig Hautaniemi	77	OH	M Widowed		Carpenter	Samuel Hautaniemi	Katri Koski
April 28, 1996	Carleton William Miles	80	ME	M Married		Forge Press Op	Clifton B Miles	Gertrude Hall
June 10, 1996	William Seres	73	CT	M Married		Elec Engineer	Joseph Seres	Barbara Kantor
July 30, 1996	Edward W Lider	74	MA	M Married		Attorney	Harry A Lider	Sadie Stern
Sept. 12, 1996	Jackson Pollard English	81	VA	M Married		Chemist & Prof	Pollard English	Lucy Kelly Rice
Sept. 21, 1996	Robert Danforth Gustafson	59	MA	M Married		Guid Counselor	Arthur Gustafson	Clair Danforth
Sept. 25, 1996	Mathilde Carolyn English	85	LA	F Widowed		College Prof	Edward J Marks	Celeste Kayser
Oct. 3, 1996	Juanita P Eaklor	69	MA	F Married		Homemaker	William O Leopold	Pearl Vatcher
Oct. 8, 1996	William R Martineau	35	NH	M Married		R. Estate Appra.	Leon E Martineau	Margaret Norma Tilton
Oct. 12, 1996	Frank Karasik	78	Canada	M Married		Stock Broker	Harry Karasik	Julia Byrudin
Oct. 19, 1996	Harry Behrens	74	Germany	M Married		Purser	Friedrich Behrens	Charlotte Kohring

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief,  
 Frances Hastings ❖ Town Clerk



# ABOUT GRANTHAM



CID NUMBER:		007	EMPLOYMENT by OCCUPATION GROUP		1990
COUNTY:		Sullivan	Executive/Administrative/Managerial:		96
LABOR MARKET AREA:		Hartford-Lebanon	Professional Specialty:		86
		VT-NH	Technician/Related Support:		19
		MILES	Sales Workers:		82
DISTANCE TO: Manchester, NH		76	Administrative Support/Clerical:		62
Boston, MA		123	Private Household:		0
New York, NY		221	Protective Service:		5
Montreal, Canada		205	Services, Other:		39
			Farming/Forestry/Fishing		25
ELEVATION:		995 feet	Precision Production/Craft/Repair:		62
			Machine Operators/Assemblers:		28
TEMPERATURE (°F): Annual Average		43.4 °	Transportation/Material Moving:		24
January Average		17.3 °	Handlers/Helpers/Laborers:		18
July Average		68.5 °	COMMUTING PATTERNS		1990
PRECIPITATION: Annual Average		35 in.	Mean Travel Time to Work(minutes)		24.06
			% Residents Working in Community:		19.3%
			% Residents Commuting Elsewhere:		80.7%
			% Nonresidents Commuting In:		71.3%
DEMOGRAPHICS					
Population	1995	1990	1980	1970	
Community	1,352	1,247	704	366	
County	39,410	38,592	36,063	30,949	
1990 Population by Age:		5 and under	89		
		6 to 17	161		
		18 to 29	130		
		30 to 59	511		
		60 to 69	214		
		70 and over	142		
INCOME		1990			
Per Capita Income:		\$19,159			
Median Household Income:		\$44,934			
Average Weekly Wage:		\$285			
LARGEST EMPLOYERS					
Product/Service	No.	Since			
Yankee Barn Homes	Home builders	45	1971		
Eastman C.A.	Housing/Dev.	23	1971		
Cote & Reney	Lumber Yard	16			
LABOR FORCE		1990			
Total Number of Employers:		37			
Total Workers Employed:		546			
Labor Force Participation Rate:		Male	63.5%		
		Female	48.3%		
Education Levels: High School & higher		88.3%			
Bachelor's Degree & higher		43.0%			
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# ABOUT GRANTHAM



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## HOUSING

	1996
Single Family Units:	1043
Number of Building Permits:	27
Multi-family Units	339
Number of Building Permits:	0
Mobile Homes:	33
Median Gross Rent:	\$600
Median Housing Costs:	\$163,000

## UTILITIES

Electric Supplier:	PSNH/NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier:	None
Water Supplier:	Municipal
Source:	Dug Wells
Average Usage (1000 gal/day):	124
Excess Capacity (1000 gal/day):	0.29
Sanitation Sewer:	Private
Municipal Treatment Plant:	(Not applicable)
Telephone Company:	NYNEX
Telephone Switching:	Digital
Cellular Phone Access:	Yes
Cable Television:	Yes

## TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

Road Access:	Federal Routes:	None
	State Routes:	10
Nearest Interstate:	Local Access	I-89, Exit 13
Railroad:		None
Public Transportation:		
Nearest Airport:	Newport	
	Runway:	2800 feet
	Lighted:	No
	Navigational Aids:	Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport:	Lebanon	
	Distance:	20 mile

## MEDICAL & HEALTH

Nearest Hospital:	New London	10 miles
		35 Beds
Number of Doctors Living in Town:		3

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

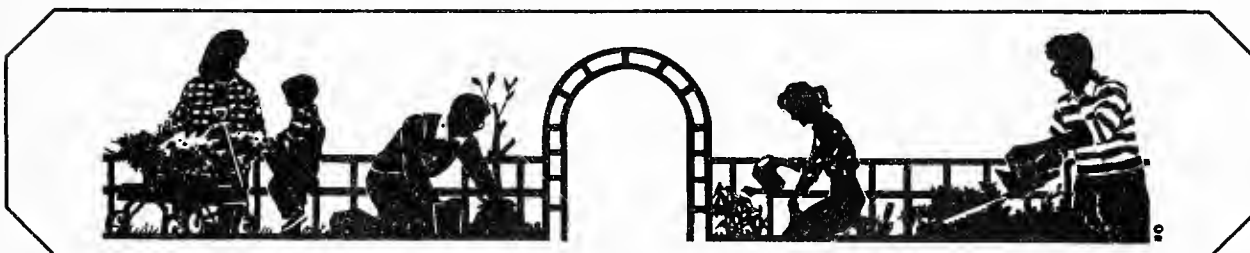
Elementary:	1 K-6	160 Students
Middle & High Schools		14 miles
	Lebanon Jr. & Sr. High School	
Nearest Technical College:	Claremont	
Nearest College/University	Colby-Sawyer	
	Lebanon	
	Dartmouth	

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

Protestant Churches:	1
Catholic Churches:	0
Synagogues:	0
Hotels/Motels:	0
Bed & Breakfast Establishments:	0
Shopping Centers/Malls:	2 small complexes
Cinemas:	0
Live Theatre:	0
Museums:	0
Library:	Dunbar Free Library
Municipal Parks:	1
YMCA/YWCA:	0
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming:	1
Indoor Skating Rinks:	0
Tennis Courts:	12
Bowling Centers:	1
Nearest Ski Areas:	Eastman Alpine Center
	Mount Sunapee
	Whaleback

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# GRANTHAM



## MOBIL

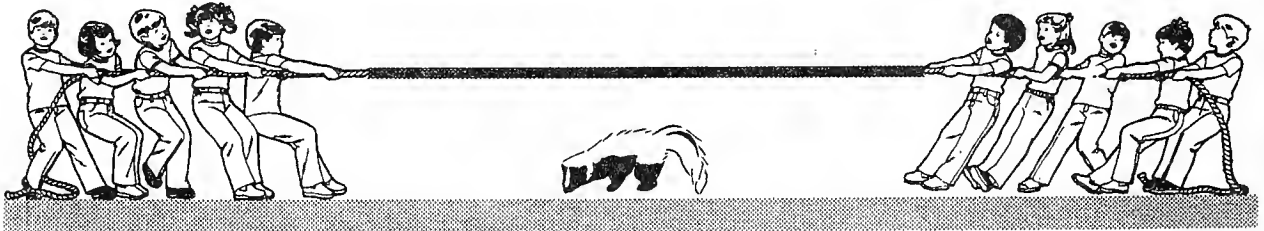
*By Danny Clark • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The Mobil is a very important part of our community. It is a very good business.

The Mobil has always been a part of Sawyer Brook Plaza. The Mobil was built in 1989. That's quite a long time ago. That's only 2 years after I was born!

The Mobil is the anchor of Sawyer Brook Plaza. I can tell because almost everybody goes there. The anchor is the main building in a plaza.

The Mobil is a very popular building. I go there all the time. The Mobil is such an important part of our community.



## The Grantham Methodist Church or Town Hall

*By Sarah Conine • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The religious group of Methodists in Grantham practiced their religion before they even had a church. They would hold meetings in peoples houses. When they had too many people to fit in the houses they would use barns.

In 1826 a meeting house was built on Dunbar Hill which is where they held their meetings. Reverend J. W. Hardy had been the reverend when they didn't have the, but as soon as they could use the church Giles Campbell became reverend. The church was only located on Dunbar Hill until 1860, when it was trolled down the hill to where it is now.

The Grantham Methodist church

was given a special gift from Sidney Bickford. It was a mural of Jesus carrying a lamb. The mural's area is 8 by 12 feet. In the mural Jesus is wearing a robe and his hat is swung over his back.

In Grantham there is a Town Hall under the Methodist church. The Town Hall is used for lots of things. People go to church there. Juniors girl scouts have meetings and parties there. Lots of people have meetings, gatherings, wedding receptions, and anniversary parties at teh Town Hall also.

The Town hall or Methodist church is used a lot by the residence of Grantham.

↔ TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1996 ↔

ANNUAL REPORT



**GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996



**OFFICERS & PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MODERATOR ✎ Carl Hanson  
CLERK ✎ Shannon Hastings  
TREASURER ✎ Cheryl Rogers



**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

George T. Dorr, III ✎ *Term Expires 1997*  
Charles Rogers ✎ *Term Expires 1999*  
Shannon Hastings ✎ *Term Expires 1998*



SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS ✎ John D. Fontana  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ✎ Evelyn Howard  
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR ✎ Arthur Jillette  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ✎ Ernest A. Muserallo  
PRINCIPAL ✎ Martha Hunt

# GRANTHAM TUITION STUDENTS



## 1996-1997 SCHOOL YEAR ATTENDING LEBANON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

### GRADE 7

Barron, Janine	Hibbs, Jeremy	Palmer, Kaitlin
Brown, Christina	Hoisington, Adam	Rodizza, Dominic
Chaloux, Jason	Jordan, Ryan	Shepherd, David
Covill, Kimberly	Lejeune, Danielle	Shiley, Jared
Dearing, Christopher	Lozeau, Kenneth	Stevens, Allison
Dobson, Amanda	Lozeau, Kevin	Thomas, Jesse
Hanson, Ian	MacPherson, Knicole	Watson, Sean
		Wilder, James Dallas

### GRADE 8

Bohrer, Alexis	Figley, Jessica	McTague, William
Calvert, Victoria	Griffin, Rita	Rappaport, Meredith
Cinquemani, Aaron	Hale, Ashley	Tomlinson, Kathryn
Clark, Abigail	Jarvis, Chad	Towle-Kimball, Pia
Davis, Becky	Johns, Aaron	Turner, Esther
Demers, Larissa	Jordan, Stephen	Underhill, Meredith
Dobson, Angela	Jordon, Andrew	Winchester, Joanna
Dyer, Travis		

## ATTENDING LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL

### GRADE 9

Bauer, Emily	Hoisington, Dennis	Palmer, Kristina
Clayton, Nathan	Jamback, Sara	Reynolds, Daneilya
Davidson, Christopher	Kelley, Sean	Rodizza, Danielle
Follensbee, William	Knowles, Hannah	Stevens, Meredith
Fretz, Samantha	Margolis, Eli	Towle-Kimball, Tegan
	Newhall, William	

### GRADE 10

Ballou, Andy	Hastings, Justin	Stamper, Katie
Bohrer, Kate	Marcy, Nichole	Tillotson, Jesse
Dyer, Laura	Noyes, Heather	Underhill, Matthew
Griffin, Richard	Reney, Jeremy	Zweeres, Matthew

### GRADE 11

Clark, Zachary	Gilson, Tristan	Reney, Aaron
Curtis, Josiah	Hautaniemi, Thomas	Shepard, Patrick
Davidson, Donna	Kimball, Trisha	Stevens, Gregory
Demers, Jared	Milsted, Sharon	Walters, Bruce
Gilbert, Matthew	Newhall, Rebecca	Zoeller, James
Gilson, Jonathan	O'Brien, Christopher	

### GRADE 12

Ballou, Anthony	Foley, Lisa	Lejeune, Anthony
Barton, Jesse	Healey, Jason	Pillsbury, Timothy
Bauer, Jocelyn	Jacobs, Adam	Underhill, Megan
Bullard, Cynthia		Walters, Ashley



# DISTRICT MEETING RULES



The following are the proposed rules for the Grantham School District Meeting,  
as carried through from the 1994 and 1995 Town Reports.

They are based on *Roberts Rules of Order*.

1 — No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced, before any other business is conducted.

2 — Passing over an article is not in the spirit of the meeting, and will be ruled out of order.

3 — Registered voters only will be seated on the main floor and in the center section of the bleachers. Non-voters will be seated in the side sections of the bleachers. Non-voters may be allowed to address the meeting only if the meeting votes to permit it.

4 — Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify himself or herself.

5 — The moderator will conduct a secret "yes - no" ballot when five (5) voters make a written request prior to voice or division vote on any article open for discussion.

6 — The moderator will take a secret "yes - no" vote when seven (7) or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared, and before any other business is conducted.

7 — All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.

## NOTES



### VILLAGE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

OCTOBER 31, 1996



Kindergarten	31
First Grade	21
Second Grade	30
Third Grade	19
Fourth Grade	19
Fifth Grade	22
Sixth Grade	22

**TOTAL** 164



# SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT: 1997



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**SULLIVAN, SS**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GRANTHAM**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham, in the County of Sullivan, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grantham Municipal Building in said Grantham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following subject:

**NOTE:**

The election of Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and a Member of the School Board will be acted upon on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at the same polling places as the election of Town Officials from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Voting will be by official ballot and check-list.

**NOTE:**

The following question shall be voted on by official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at the town polling places from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Grantham School District."

*(Not Recommended by the Grantham School Board)  
(3/5ths majority vote required)*

**NOTE:**

Under New Hampshire RSA 40:4-a: any five voters may request in writing prior to a vote by voice vote or division vote that the vote be taken by secret written ballot. Upon receiving such a written request, the Moderator shall conduct the vote by secret "yes-no" ballot.

Under RSA 40:4-b: when any vote, other than by ballot, declared by the Moderator or other officer presiding shall, immediately and before any other business is begun, be questioned in writing or orally by seven or more of the voters present, the Moderator or other officer presiding shall retake the vote by secret "yes-no" ballot.

**Article I.** To hear the reports of Agents, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article II.** To see if the Grantham School District will approve the report and recommendation of the School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee.

*(Recommended by the School Board)*

**Article III.** To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District.

*(Recommended by the School Board)*

**Article IV.** To see if the Grantham School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) to be added to the expendable general fund trust fund created on March 5, 1996, to repair and maintain the school building, under the provisions of RSA 198:20c.

*(Recommended by the School Board)*

**Article V.** To see if the Grantham School District will vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the Grantham Village School Building Fund for the purpose of constructing an addition to the school building, and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund.

*(Recommended by the School Board)*

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PASSED

# SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT: 1997



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**Article VI.** To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows:

- Board Chair - \$300;
  - 2 Board members at \$200 per individual = \$400;
  - School District Treasurer - \$500;
  - School District Clerk - \$50;
  - School District Moderator - \$50;
  - Supervisor of the Checklist - \$25 per meeting.
- (Recommended by the School Board)*

*Passed*

**Article VII.** To see if the voters of the Grantham School District will vote to change the annual district meeting night from the first Tuesday in March to the first Friday in March beginning with the annual meeting to be held in 1998.

*(By Petition)*

*(Legal Counsel indicates this is advisory only and not binding on the School Board)*

**Article VIII.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Grantham this 5th day of February, 1997.

*Shannon E. Hastings*  
Shannon E. Hastings, Chair

*George A. Dorr, III*  
George A. Dorr, III

*Charles R. Rogers*  
Charles Rogers

A true copy: Attest

*Shannon E. Hastings*  
*George A. Dorr, III*  
*Charles R. Rogers*  
GRANTHAM SCHOOL BOARD

## GRANTHAM SCHOOLDISTRICT WARRANT STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE • ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**T**o the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham, in the county of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

**Y**ou are hereby notified to meet at the Grantham Municipal Building in said Grantham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subject:

**Article I:** To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer for a one-year term, and a School Board member for a three year term. (Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m., unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

**Article II:** The following question shall be voted on by official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at the town polling places from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues

before the Grantham School District."

*(3/5ths majority vote required)*

**NOTE:** All other school business will be considered at the School District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grantham Municipal Building.

Given under our hands and seals at said Grantham this 4th day of February, 1997.

*Shannon E. Hastings*  
Shannon E. Hastings, Chair

*George A. Dorr, III*  
George A. Dorr, III

*Charles R. Rogers*  
Charles Rogers

A true copy: Attest

*Shannon E. Hastings*  
*George A. Dorr, III*  
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GRANTHAM SCHOOL BOARD

# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET



1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION				GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT				BUDGET - District Meeting			
B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J			
Description	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Budget	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	NOTES			
1											
2											
3											
4											
5	REGULAR EDUCATION										
6	Salaries - Teachers	\$243,378	\$266,911	\$290,863	\$285,309	\$331,785	14.07%	1 new teacher & step raises			
7	Salaries - Aides	\$21,331	\$20,360	\$23,048	\$23,048	\$26,279	14.02%	5 additional days reading aide			
8	Salaries - Sub Teachers	\$13,161	\$5,895	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	13.33%	Raised sub pay			
9	Additional Pay Teachers	\$0	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.00%				
10	Retirement - Teachers	\$4,606	\$5,660	\$6,145	\$6,138	\$8,570	39.47%	rates up from 2.43% to 2.88%			
11	Retirement - Employees	\$0	\$0	\$573	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	no eligible employees			
12	FICA	\$21,657	\$22,492	\$24,014	\$24,546	\$28,348	18.05%				
13	Educational Contract Service	\$0	\$1,621	\$3,340	\$3,340	\$2,940	-11.98%				
14	Speech Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%				
15	Repairs Instructional services	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%				
16	Tuition Jr High School	\$199,901	\$273,998	\$350,350	\$321,750	\$390,728	11.53%	52 students x \$7,514 (\$5 extras)			
17	Tuition High School	\$397,913	\$395,699	\$498,752	\$545,510	\$622,030	24.72%	85 students x \$7,318 (\$5 extras)			
18	Supplies	\$9,587	\$13,517	\$13,343	\$13,343	\$21,245	59.22%	Math Program			
19	Textbooks	\$511	\$1,712	\$3,723	\$3,723	\$5,380	44.51%				
20	New Equipment	\$3,579	\$24,046	\$21,113	\$21,113	\$4,974	-76.44%	Technology plan deferred			
21	Replacement Equipment	\$0	\$1,544	\$110	\$110	\$894	712.73%				
22	Furniture	\$0	\$0	\$4,160	\$4,160	\$8,337	100.41%				
23	REGULAR EDUCATION	\$915,624	\$1,034,955	\$1,254,034	\$1,267,590	\$1,467,010	16.98%				
24	SPECIAL EDUCATION										
25	Salaries - Teachers	\$29,087	\$37,789	\$50,619	\$51,523	\$54,125	6.93%				
26	Salaries - Aide	\$7,649	\$8,215	\$16,408	\$15,919	\$18,281	11.42%				
27	Retirement - Teachers	\$570	\$622	\$1,230	\$1,252	\$1,559	26.75%				
28	Retirement - Employees	\$0	\$0	\$556	\$0	\$0	-100.00%				
29	FICA	\$2,810	\$3,519	\$5,127	\$5,160	\$5,540	8.06%				
30	Private Assessment	\$432	\$3,898	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	50.00%				
31	Speech Therapy	\$2,823	\$833	\$3,830	\$5,847	\$10,550	175.46%				
32	Occupational Therapy	\$798	\$0	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	0.00%				
33	Psychological Services	\$4,769	\$828	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$5,240	162.00%				
34	Services Other	\$0	\$390	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%				
35	Non-Public Tuition	\$738	\$1,097	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.00%				
36	Travel	\$554	\$439	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$3,000	150.00%				
37	Supplies	\$540	\$888	\$1,190	\$1,190	\$1,890	58.82%				
38	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$50,772	\$58,517	\$92,270	\$94,201	\$111,295	20.62%				
39											

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET



1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION				GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT				BUDGET - District Meeting			
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	Description	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Budget	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	NOTES		
1											
2											
40											
41	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES										
42	District Support	\$4,175	\$4,335	\$5,525	\$5,525	\$6,202	\$677	12.25%			
43	CO-CURR ACTIVITIES	\$4,175	\$4,335	\$5,525	\$5,525	\$6,202	\$677	12.25%			
44											
45											
46	ATTENDANCE										
47	Salaries Truant Officer	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$40	\$0	0.00%			
48	Fee Census Taker	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	0.00%			
49	ATTENDANCE	\$0	\$0	\$140	\$0	\$140	\$0	0.00%			
50											
51	GUIDANCE										
52	Salaries	\$15,658	\$17,053	\$17,565	\$17,565	\$17,916	\$351	2.00%			
53	Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
54	FICA	\$1,198	\$1,305	\$1,344	\$1,344	\$1,371	\$27	2.01%			
55	Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
56	Testing	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	0.00%			
57	GUIDANCE	\$16,856	\$18,358	\$19,009	\$19,009	\$19,387	\$378	1.99%			
58											
59	HEALTH SERVICES										
60	Salaries	\$10,771	\$11,735	\$11,355	\$11,291	\$11,412	\$57	0.50%			
61	FICA	\$824	\$852	\$869	\$869	\$873	\$4	0.46%			
62	Supplies	\$187	\$326	\$200	\$200	\$410	\$210	105.00%			
63	New Equipment	\$217	\$116	\$725	\$725	\$120	(\$605)	-83.45%			
64	HEALTH SERVICES	\$11,999	\$13,030	\$13,149	\$13,085	\$12,815	(\$334)	-2.54%			
65											
66	STAFF DEVELOPMENT										
67	Staff Training	\$6,153	\$4,846	\$11,275	\$11,275	\$14,425	\$3,150	27.94%			
68	STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$6,153	\$4,846	\$11,275	\$11,275	\$14,425	\$3,150	27.94%			
69											
70	MEDIA CENTER										
71	Salaries - Media Generalist	\$5,313	\$19,088	\$24,075	\$24,075	\$26,307	\$2,232	9.27%			
72	Salaries - Aide	\$5,735	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,051	\$5,051	0.00%	Re-established Aide position		
73	Retirement - Media Generalist	\$0	\$0	\$585	\$585	\$758	\$173	29.57%			
74	FICA Media Center	\$892	\$1,444	\$1,842	\$1,842	\$2,398	\$556	30.18%			
75	Regional Center & Arts	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0	0.00%			
76	Supplies	\$273	\$182	\$580	\$580	\$780	\$200	34.48%			

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET



1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION				GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT				BUDGET - District Meeting		
B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J		
Description	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Budget	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	NOTES		
1										
2										
77 MEDIA CENTER (cont'd)										
78 Books & AV	\$2,002	\$2,770	\$3,957	\$3,957	\$3,600	(\$357)	-9.02%			
79 Equipment	\$0	\$266	\$268	\$268	\$700	\$432	161.19%			
80 Computer Software	\$962	\$3,958	\$2,870	\$2,870	\$2,540	(\$330)	-11.50%			
81 MEDIA CENTER	\$16,378	\$29,109	\$35,777	\$35,777	\$43,734	\$7,957	22.24%			
82										
83 SCHOOL BOARD EXPENSES										
84 Salaries School Board	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0	0.00%			
85 Salaries - Clerk of the Board	\$450	\$697	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0	0.00%			
86 Salaries - Treasurer	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%			
87 Salaries - Other Officers	\$0	\$0	\$105	\$105	\$105	\$0	0.00%			
88 FICA	\$126	\$122	\$152	\$152	\$152	\$0	0.00%			
89 Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
90 Advertising	\$2,979	\$2,435	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0	0.00%			
91 Legal Counsel	\$358	\$655	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%			
92 Audit Annual Report	\$2,700	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	0.00%			
93 Fidelity Bonds	\$180	\$180	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%			
94 Expenses	\$2,541	\$3,393	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%			
95 District Meeting	\$611	\$109	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%			
96 SCHOOL BOARD	\$11,146	\$10,790	\$11,507	\$11,507	\$11,507	\$0	0.00%			
97										
98 SAU ADMINISTRATION										
99 SAU 32 Assessment	\$101,064	\$108,635	\$107,101	\$107,101	\$105,655	(\$1,446)	-1.35%			
100 SAU ADMINISTRATION	\$101,064	\$108,635	\$107,101	\$107,101	\$105,655	(\$1,446)	-1.35%			
101										
102 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION										
103 Salaries - Principal	\$44,290	\$48,889	\$51,334	\$51,334	\$52,360	\$1,026	2.00%			
104 Salaries - Assistant Supt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%	Person in charge when principal is out		
105 Salaries - Office Support	\$11,598	\$12,329	\$12,825	\$12,825	\$13,206	\$381	2.97%			
106 Retirement - Principal	\$868	\$1,186	\$1,247	\$1,247	\$1,549	\$302	24.22%			
107 Retirement - Employees	\$0	\$0	\$435	\$0	\$0	(\$435)	-100.00%			
108 FICA	\$4,275	\$4,642	\$4,908	\$4,908	\$5,092	\$184	3.75%			
109 Reimbursement	\$0	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%			
110 Admin Services	\$0	\$3,302	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$4,200	\$1,800	75.00%			
111 Telephone	\$3,163	\$3,365	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$4,500	\$600	15.38%	one additional phone line		
112 Supplies/Other Expenses	\$2,903	\$4,009	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$200	5.00%			
113 SCHOOL ADMIN	\$67,097	\$78,022	\$81,549	\$81,114	\$86,607	\$5,058	6.20%			

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET



## 1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET - District Meeting

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Description	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Budget	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	NOTES
1									
2									
114									
115	BUILDING SERVICES								
116	Salaries - Custodians	\$15,420	\$23,817	\$25,914	\$26,000	\$26,780	\$866	3.34%	1 additional day required
117	Salaries - Additional Time	\$0	\$0	\$3,276	\$3,276	\$3,276	\$0	0.00%	
118	Retirement - Employees	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$0	(\$800)	-100.00%	
119	FICA	\$1,180	\$1,804	\$2,233	\$2,233	\$2,300	\$67	3.00%	
120	Contracted Management Service	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%	
121	Contracted Service Trash	\$0	\$1,368	\$1,420	\$1,420	\$1,540	\$120	8.45%	
122	Contracted Service/Repairs	\$6,045	\$8,386	\$16,640	\$12,740	\$15,000	(\$1,640)	-9.86%	
123	Contracted Equipment Repairs	\$1,773	\$189	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%	
124	SMP Liability	\$7,895	\$4,861	\$11,530	\$6,562	\$6,890	(\$4,640)	-40.24%	Based on premium estimates +5%
125	Supplies - Custodial	\$4,103	\$3,715	\$5,325	\$5,325	\$6,000	\$675	12.68%	
126	Supplies - Equipment Repair	\$217	\$475	\$525	\$525	\$550	\$25	4.76%	
127	LP Gas	\$196	\$115	\$225	\$225	\$250	\$25	11.11%	
128	Electricity	\$6,814	\$7,730	\$14,000	\$9,398	\$10,000	(\$4,000)	-28.57%	
129	Fuel	\$2,091	\$9,380	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0	0.00%	
130	New Equipment	\$196	\$2,306	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%	
131	Replacement Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$800	(\$200)	-20.00%	
132	BUILDING SERVICES	\$45,929	\$64,147	\$98,888	\$84,704	\$89,386	(\$9,502)	-9.61%	
133									
134	TRANSPORTATION								
135	Salaries - Regular	\$26,595	\$25,470	\$26,469	\$23,522	\$27,187	\$718	2.71%	
136	Salaries - Activities	\$1,447	\$2,021	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,074	\$74	3.70%	
137	Benefits Package	\$0	\$1,688	\$5,304	\$5,304	\$5,304	\$0	0.00%	
138	FICA & W/C	\$2,035	\$1,948	\$4,552	\$4,095	\$5,278	\$726	15.95%	
139	FICA & W/C - Activities	\$97	\$130	\$318	\$318	\$361	\$43	13.52%	
140	Service Vehicle Lease	\$33,834	\$34,043	\$35,966	\$35,966	\$36,872	\$906	2.52%	
141	Supplies/Fuel	\$4,964	\$7,384	\$8,507	\$8,507	\$10,505	\$1,998	23.49%	
142	TRANSPORTATION	\$68,972	\$72,684	\$83,116	\$79,712	\$87,581	\$4,465	5.37%	
143									
144	INSURANCE SERVICES								
145	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$50,254	\$67,989	\$82,063	\$72,266	\$80,535	(\$1,528)	-1.86%	5% cap over 96-97 district costs
146	Dental Insurance	\$3,612	\$6,237	\$9,511	\$7,525	\$8,532	(\$979)	-10.29%	8% rate increase estimated
147	Life (Disability Included)	\$1,310	\$2,986	\$4,300	\$4,318	\$4,784	\$484	11.26%	
148	Workers Compensation	\$6,051	\$7,453	\$7,949	\$7,969	\$9,023	\$1,074	13.51%	2% rate increase
149	Unemployment Compensation	\$15	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%	
150	INSURANCE SERVICES	\$61,241	\$84,665	\$104,023	\$92,278	\$103,074	(\$949)	-0.91%	

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET



1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION				GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT				BUDGET - District Meeting			
	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J		
	Description	1994-1995 Actual	1995-1996 Actual	1996-1997 Budget	1996-1997 Estimated	1997-1998 Budget	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase	NOTES		
151											
152	FACILITIES ACQUISITION & CONSTRUCTION										
153	Planning Addition to School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
154	FACILITIES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
155											
156	DEBT SERVICE										
157	Principal Payments	\$0	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0	0.00%			
158	Interest Payments	\$25,786	\$40,145	\$32,445	\$32,445	\$24,745	(\$7,700)	-23.73%			
159	DEBT SERVICE	\$25,786	\$150,145	\$142,445	\$142,445	\$134,745	(\$7,700)	-5.41%			
160											
161	TRANSFER FUNDS										
162	Federal Projects	\$0	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	0.00%	Title VI		
163	Capital Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
164	Food Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
165	Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$64,000	\$50,000	357.14%	Building warrants \$14k & 50k		
166	TRANSFER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$15,800	\$15,800	\$65,800	\$50,000	316.46%			
167											
168	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,403,193	\$1,732,237	\$2,075,608	\$2,061,122	\$2,359,363	\$283,755	13.67%			
169											
170						\$2,295,363	\$219,755	10.59%	Total without Capital Reserve		



# BUDGET FUNCTION CHART

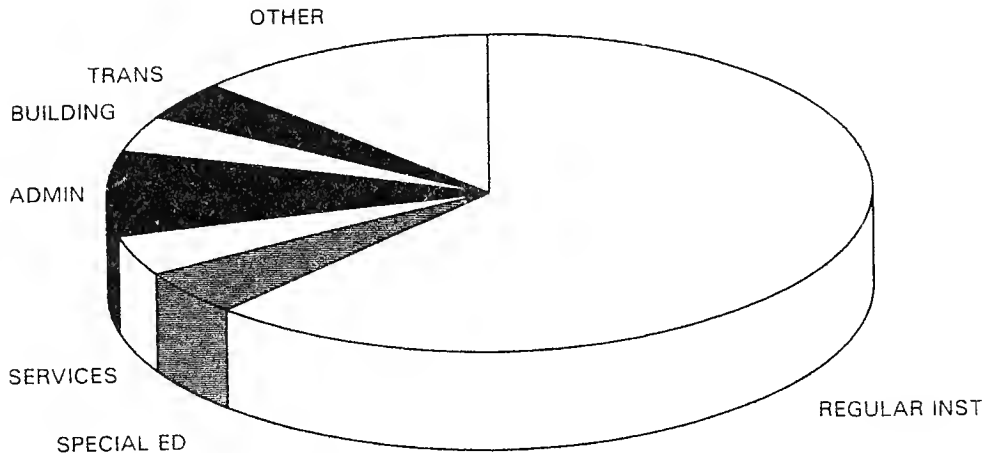


## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

FUNCTION PIE CHART

BUDGET BY FUNCTION



CATEGORY	1997-1998 BUDGET	
REGULAR INST	\$1,467,010	Salaries, Materials, Tuitions & Books for Instruction
SPECIAL ED	\$111,295	Salaries, Materials, Tuitions & Books for Spec Ed
SERVICES	\$96,703	Student Services, Staff Development & Library
ADMIN	\$203,769	School Board, SAU & Principal
BUILDING	\$89,386	Maintenance & Repairs
TRANS	\$87,581	Transportation
OTHER	\$303,619	Benefits, Debt Service & Transfer Funds
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,359,363</b>	

# BUDGET OBJECT CHART

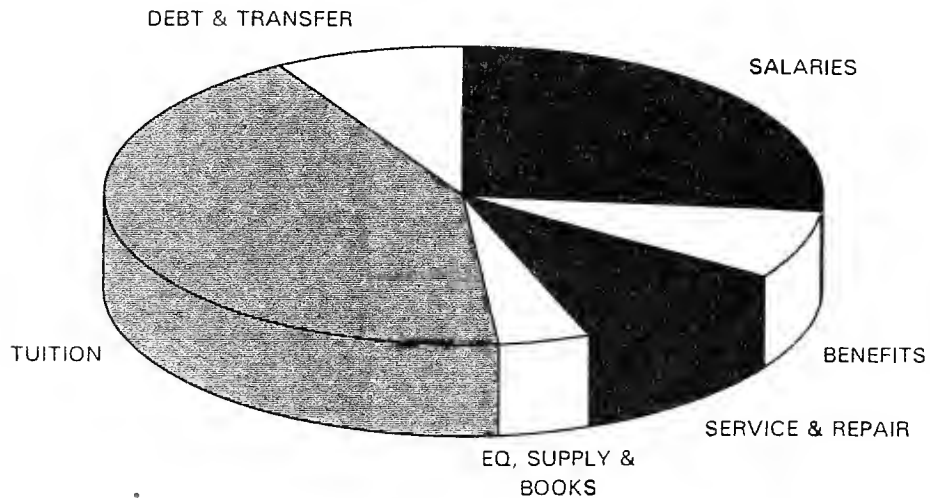


## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

OBJECT PIE CHART

BUDGET BY OBJECT



CATEGORY	1997-1998 BUDGET	
SALARIES	\$631,484	Salaries
BENEFITS	\$172,527	Health, Dental, FICA, Retire, W/C, Ins. & Develop.
SERVICE & REPAIR	\$238,574	Services & Repairs
EQ, SUPPLY & BOOKS	\$99,975	Misc., Equipment, Supplies & Books
TUITION	\$1,016,258	Tuition
DEBT & TRANSFER	\$200,545	Debt Service & Transfer Funds
TOTAL	\$2,359,363	

# SCHOOL BUDGET EXPLANATION



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Explanation

1997-1998 Budget Preparation

A		B	C
1			
2			
3	Major Expenditure Changes in the 1997-1998 Budget	Amount	
4			
5	Increases		
6	Staff Salaries & Wages	\$21,102	Pay increases
7	New Teacher	\$27,574	Increased enrollment
8	Benefits, Salary driven (FICA & retirement)	\$7,848	Rate increases
9	Junior High School Tuition (Grades 7 & 8)	\$40,378	52 students at \$7,514 (5 extras)
10	High School Tuition (Grades 9 - 12)	\$123,278	85 students at \$7,318 (5 extras)
11	Supplies	\$7,902	Math program
12	Classroom Furniture	\$4,177	Increased students
13	Special Education	\$13,826	Based on projected expenses (without salaries)
14	Staff Development	\$3,150	Teacher training day, videos, & assessment tools
15	Library Staff Changes	\$5,051	Part time aide
16	Administrative Stipend	\$1,000	New
17	Transportation Contract	\$3,870	Contract, supplies & fuel
18	Total Increases	\$259,156	
19			
20	Decreases		
21			
22	Employee Retirement	(\$2,364)	Over estimated prior year budget
23	Regular Education Equipment	(\$16,139)	Technology Plan deferred
24	SAU 32 Assessment	(\$1,446)	Reduced SAU costs
25	Contracted Service/Repairs (Building)	(\$1,640)	Fewer maintenance projects budgeted
26	Liability Insurance	(\$4,640)	Costs for new building are less than anticipated
27	Electricity	(\$4,000)	Costs for new building are less than anticipated
28	Health Insurance	(\$1,528)	Estimated 5% increase over actual 96-97 costs
29	Dental Insurance	(\$979)	Estimated 8% increase over actual 96-97 costs
30	Interest Payment	(\$7,700)	Decreasing interest payments
31	Total Decreases	(\$40,436)	
32			
33	Total All Other Accounts	\$1,035	
34			
35	TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE (excluding warrant articles)	\$219,755	

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# SCHOOL BUDGET EXPLANATION



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## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 Budget Preparation

Budget Explanation

	A	B	C
36			
37	CAPITAL RESERVES & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS		
38			
39	FUNDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS		
40			
41	Expendable General Fund Trust Fund		School Board is the agent to expend this trust, interest
42			earned is available from the trustee of trust
43			funds.
44			
45			
46			
47	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS PROPOSED FOR THE 1997-1998 BUDGET		
48			
49	Proposed Warrant Article will add to Grantham's	\$14,000	This purpose would be "repairing and
50	Expendable General Fund Trust Fund (ETF), est. March 5, 1996		maintaining the school building" as required by the
51	"to be known as the Grantham Village School building		Expendable Trust Fund.
52	maintenance fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining		
53	the school building."		
54			
55			
56			
57	Proposed Warrant Article to create a new Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000	This warrant will accumulate funds for the eventual
58	for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Grantham		addition to the school. The accumulated funds will
59	Village School.		earn interest and reduce the amount of the bond
60			required to complete the project.

# SCHOOL REVENUE & EXPENSES



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

1997-1998 BUDGET PRESENTATION

REVENUE - EXPENSE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1							
2		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATED	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
3		1995-1996	1996-1997	1996-1997	1997-1998	INCREASE/	PERCENT
4	ACCOUNT NAME					DECREASE	INC/DEC
5							
6							
7	Balance	\$0	\$28,338	\$108,572	\$14,485	(\$13,852)	-48.9%
8							
9	Revenue from State Sources						
10	Foundation Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
11	Building Aid	\$39,962	\$40,048	\$40,048	\$35,762	(\$4,286)	-10.7%
12	Total State Revenues	\$39,962	\$40,048	\$40,048	\$35,762	(\$4,286)	-10.7%
13							
14	Revenue from Federal Sources	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0	0.0%
15							
16	Local Revenue (not taxes)						
17	Earnings on Investments	\$728	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
18	Tuitions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
19	Other	\$11,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
20							
21	Total Local Revenues	\$12,028	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
22							
23	Total Non-assessment Revenues	\$51,990	\$71,186	\$151,420	\$53,048	(\$18,138)	-25.6%
24							
25	District Assessment (including warrant articles)	\$1,789,989	\$2,004,422	\$1,924,188	\$2,306,315	\$301,893	15.06%
26							
27	TOTAL REVENUES (including warrant articles)	\$1,841,979	\$2,075,608	\$2,075,608	\$2,359,363	\$283,755	13.87%
28							
29	TOTAL EXPENSES (including warrant articles)	\$1,733,407	\$2,075,608	\$2,061,122	\$2,359,363	\$283,755	13.87%
30							
31							
32	District Assessment (without warrant articles)	\$1,789,989	\$2,004,422	\$1,924,188	\$2,242,315	\$237,893	11.87%
33							
34	TOTAL REVENUES (without warrant articles)	\$1,841,979	\$2,075,608	\$2,075,608	\$2,295,363	\$219,755	10.59%
35							
36	TOTAL EXPENSES (without warrant articles)	\$1,733,407	\$2,075,608	\$2,061,122	\$2,295,363	\$219,755	10.59%
37							
38	BALANCE	\$108,572	\$0	\$14,485	\$0		0.00%

# GRANTHAM SCHOOL TAX IMPACT



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL TAX IMPACT

1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION

A	B	C	D	E	F
1 The tax assessment on the Base Budget without Warrants.					
2					
3	1997	1997	1998	1998	
4	CURRENT	CURRENT	PROPOSED	ESTIMATED	DOLLAR
5	HOUSE VALUE	RATE PER \$1000	SCHOOL TAX	RATE PER \$1000*	INCREASE
6					
7	\$50,000	9.22	\$461	10.24	\$512
8	\$65,000	9.22	\$599	10.24	\$666
9	\$75,000	9.22	\$692	10.24	\$768
10	\$90,000	9.22	\$830	10.24	\$922
11	\$100,000	9.22	\$922	10.24	\$1,024
12	\$125,000	9.22	\$1,153	10.24	\$1,280
13	\$150,000	9.22	\$1,383	10.24	\$1,536
14	\$200,000	9.22	\$1,844	10.24	\$2,048
15					\$204
16 * ASSUMES 2% INCREASED PROPERTY VALUATION (\$211,674,868) AND SHARED REVENUE (\$10,500)					
17					
18	ASSESSMENT	\$2,242,315			
19	1996 PROPERTY VALUATION	\$207,524,380	Valuation with 2% inc.	\$211,674,868	
20					
21			1998	1998	
22			PROPOSED	ESTIMATED	
23	HOUSE VALUE		RATE PER \$1000*	SCHOOL TAX	
24					
25 The tax assessment on the Capital Reserve/Expendable Trust Warrant (\$14,000).					
26					
27	\$100,000	0.00	\$0	0.07	\$7
28					
29 The tax assessment on the New Building Capital Reserve Warrant (\$50,000).					
30					
31	\$100,000	0.00	\$0	0.24	\$24
32					
33 TOTAL TAX INCREASE (including capital reserve warrants)					
34					
35	\$100,000	9.22	\$922	10.54	\$1,054
					\$132

# DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

### EASTMAN LAKE

*By Max Shepherd  
Mrs. Buckman's Class*

Eastman Lake is in Eastman, a part of Grantham. Eastman Lake was a natural lake that was expanded to 345 acres long. People have been making sure that the lake clean since 1987. People swim and ride boats in Eastman Lake. People sail and ride speed boats. There is a speed limit.

Eastman Lake is an attraction in the Eastman community.

CASH on HAND July 1, 1995 \$ 125,331.58

#### RECEIPTS:

Town of Grantham — Current Appropriation	\$1,789,989.00
Revenue from State Sources	42,799.20
Revenue from Federal Sources	0.00
Received from Capital Reserve Funds	0.00
Received from All Other Sources	13,615.73

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1,846,403.93

Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$1,971,735.51
Less: School Board Orders Paid	1,824,217.74

BALANCE on HAND June 30, 1996 \$ 147,517.77

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Rogers ❧ Treasurer  
Grantham School District





# 1996 SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES



## 1996 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT • TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Carl Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., in the Grantham Municipal Building.

School Board members Chair George A. (Terry) Dorr, Charles Rogers, and Shannon E. Hastings were introduced, along with Principal Martha Hunt and SAU #32 Staff: Superintendent John Fontana, Assistant Superintendent Evelyn Howard, and Business Administrator Ernest Muserallo.

Moderator Hanson referred to page 74 of the (1995) Town Report, District Meeting Rules, and proposed to adopt these rules or order to follow for this meeting.

*\*The rules were adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

The School District Warrant, as it appeared beginning on page 75 of the Town Report, was read by the Moderator.

**ARTICLE I:** To hear the reports of Agents, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.

**Motion by Ella Reney to adopt Article I as written. Seconded by William Hutchins.**

*\*The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE II:** Resolved: That the Grantham School District create a School Administration Planning or Withdrawal Committee consisting of two (2) School Board members appointed by the School Board, five public members to be appointed by the School District Moderator, and the Superintendent of School Administrative Unit #32, who shall be non-voting, to study the administrative structure of the District and to create a plan for its own administration, said Committee to submit its report and recommendations at the next annual School District meeting and to the other individual school districts comprising School Administrative Unit #32. *Recommended by the School Board.*

**Motion by Linda Bohrer to adopt Article II as written. Seconded by Kathie Hale.**

*\*The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE III:** To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said District and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from State and Federal governments, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance which is to be raised by taxation by the District. *Recommended by the School Board.*

**Motion by Barbara Wells to adopt the Article as written, with the sum of money to be two million, sixty-one thousand, six hundred and eight dollars (\$2,061,608.00). Seconded by Kevin Cheever.**

*\*The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE IV:** To see if Grantham School District will vote to create an expendable general fund trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20c, to be known as the Grantham Village School building maintenance fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the school building. Furthermore, to name the School Board as agents to expend the principal and/or income therefrom for the purpose of the trust; and to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) toward this purpose. *(Majority vote required.) Recommended by the School Board.*

**Motion by DeeAnn Shepherd to adopt the Article as written. Seconded by Kathie Hale.**

*\*The motion was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE V:** To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair - \$300; two (2) Board members at \$200 per individual = \$400; School District Moderator - \$50; Supervisor of the Checklist - \$25 per meeting. *Recommended by the School Board.*

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# 1996 SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES



The Village School Holiday Concert offered the gift of music. At left are Jeremiah Stearns (standing), Sebastien Cendron, and Benjamin Montmagny. To the right, find Lisanne Schmidt, Emily Hanson, and Wayne Pillsbury.

*Photos: Lucy Wells*

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Motion by Nancy Tomlinson to adopt the Article as written. Seconded by Michele Daigle.

Motion by Charles Amick to amend the Article to read:

**ARTICLE V:** To determine and appoint the salaries of the Grantham School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers and agents of the District as follows: Board Chair - \$300; two (2) Board members at \$200 per individual = \$400; School District Moderator - \$50; Supervisor of the Checklist - \$25 per individual, per meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Parsons.

*\*The motion for amendment was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

*\*\*The motion as amended was adopted unanimously by voice vote.*

**ARTICLE VI:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion by Dorian Rodizza to adopt the Article as written. Seconded by Merle Schotanus.

**ADJOURNMENT —** Motion by Frances Hastings to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Parsons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon E. Hastings ❧ School District Clerk

# 1996 SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS



## GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT — ELECTION RESULTS TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

SCHOOL BOARD — THREE YEARS		MODERATOR — ONE YEAR			
Charles R. Rogers	212	Carl D. Hanson	223	Mrs. Charles Rogers	1
Helen Schotanus	2	James McClune	1	Ted Short	1
Daniel Clary	1	*Carl D. Hanson was elected.		Tina Stearns	1
Jackie Clary	1	CLERK — ONE YEAR		Catherine Theophelakes	1
Warren Kimball	1	Shannon Hastings	19	Cynthia Towle	1
Louise Parsons	1	Janis Hastings	6	Louis Whitcomb	1
Robert Parsons	1	Carrie Hastings	3	Dick Whiting	1
Jim Peirce	1	Frances Hastings	3	*Shannon Hastings was elected.	
Ronald Shepherd	1	Deborah Cheever	2	I hereby certify that the foregoing results are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Tina Stearns	1	Kathie Hale	2		
Don Tomlinson	1	Shirley Curtis	1		
		Cindy Dyer	1		
*Charles R. Rogers was elected.		Pam Hanson	1	Shannon E. Hastings, School District Clerk	
		Jan Hastings	1		
TREASURER — ONE YEAR		S. Hastings	1		
Lori L. Hawkins	213	Sheryl Hastings	1		
Gina Hutchins	1	Wilfred Hastings	1		
*Lori L. Hawkins was elected.		Hawkins	1		
		James Peirce	1		



Music was the gift shared through a winter evening. Standing, from left, are Chelsea Dyer, Carolyn Davidson, Brandon Marcy, and Brenden Mayo. Instrumentalists in the foreground are Kristen Daigle and Cassie Watson. *Photo: Lucy Wells*

### Information About the Municipal Building (The gym.)

by Amanda Wilson • Mrs. Buckman's Class

As you read this story you will learn more about the Municipal Building. The Municipal Building was built by the Trapper Brown Corporation. The Municipal Building is in use mostly for basketball and large meetings over 50 people. G.V.S. uses the Municipal Building as a gym, but it is still the town's building. The Municipal Building is 82 feet wide and 82 feet long.

# GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL



## STAFF

Four new people have joined the staff of the Grantham Village School during the past year.

Michelle Couture was hired as our part-time kindergarten teacher. She teaches the students in the morning session of kindergarten. Kim Wilson joined our staff as the art teacher replacing Barbara Stack, who resigned to move to New Jersey. Susan Montmagny joined our staff as a new special education aide. Debbie Roberts was hired as our new bus driver replacing Sandy Webb, who resigned to take a position in Lebanon.

All other staff members returned for the 1995-1996 school year.

Heidi Bartlett	primary teacher
Linda Bohrer	support aide
Denise Buckman	intermediate teacher
Elaine Caffrey	media generalist
Michael Coyne	special education teacher
Rob Crutchfield	primary teacher
Michele Daigle	support aide
Velma DeGoosh	food service worker
Pam Derderian	special education teacher
Judy Filkins	intermediate teacher
Bridget Fisher	special education aide
Kathie Hale	secretary/speech assistant
Bruce Hathorn	intermediate teacher
Beverly Holt	assistant to the custodian
Ross Hunt	bus driver
Sue Jaggard	Reading Recovery teacher/ kindergarten teacher
Mandy McMahon	language arts aide
Rob Mocarsky	primary teacher
Deloris Netzbant	guidance counselor
Nan Parsons	intermediate teacher
Elin Peterson	music teacher
Oliver Renehan	custodian
Nancy Tomlinson	health teacher/ school nurse
Bea Wadleigh	school nurse
Chris Williams	physical education teacher

Grantham is fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated staff.

## CURRICULUM

The staff has continued to develop curriculum guidelines for Grantham. The School Board has adopted the Grantham Exit Level Benchmarks

## Grantham Village School

*by Felicia Young • Mrs. Buckman's Class*

The schools in Grantham. There is only one schoolhouse in Grantham now. It wasn't always that way. Grantham used to have two schoolhouses. Before the schoolhouse was located on its present site, there was one two room schoolhouse on Dumbar Hill.

Our school is part old and part new. The old part was built fifteen years ago. The new part was built 3 years ago. There are eight classrooms in our school now. Our school is already too small for us. The school will need to be made bigger in the near future.

I like this school because the people here are really nice to me.

which were worked on by staff and parents. The School Board has also adopted the art, mathematics, music, and physical education guidelines as working documents. The first component of the Grantham Language Arts Guidelines was adopted by the School Board.

Currently, the staff is working on developing assessments for the Mathematics Guidelines. The first group of assessments were shared with the School Board in November of 1996. The staff is also working on the second component of the Language Arts Guidelines.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

March 28, 1996 — The school held the Third Annual Literature Night. This was an opportunity for students to share writing they had completed during the school year. Parents and friends visited the classrooms to read and comment on student stories.

April 18, 1996 — The school held the annual

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# GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL



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Curriculum Fair. Students displayed major research projects completed during the year. Mrs. Filkins's class presented "The Taming of the Shrew" as the fourth annual Shakespeare production.

During the first week of April, 1996 — The sixth graders went on the fourth annual trip to environmental school. The students attended The Environmental School in Ferry Beach, Maine.

Students from the Martin Luther King, Jr., School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, joined them for an intensive study of various animal and plant habitats.

May 31, 199 — The Spring Concert was held under the direction of Elin Peterson. Missy Owen provided accompaniment.

June 10, 1996 — The Volunteer Tea honored 140 school parent and community volunteers. Students presented volunteers with certificates and buttons. Carol Shepherd was presented a special plaque in honor of her six years as president of the Parent Teacher Group.

Kindergartners play a game together with teacher Sue Jaggard.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

Field Day was held in the afternoon and gave our first through sixth grade students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they developed during physical education classes.

June 14, 1996 — The school held Sixth Grade Recognition Night. The sixth graders presented special remarks, recognitions, and music. A new candle lighting ceremony involving the fifth graders was instituted. Promotion Certificates were presented by Shannon Hastings, School Board Chair.

December 17, 1996 — The Winter Concert was held. Elin Peterson coordinated the event. Missy Owen provided accompaniment.

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

During the 1996-1997, the school is sponsoring four Odyssey of the Mind teams: two primary teams, a Division I team, and a Division II team. The continued vitality of our OM Program is due to the dedication of our coaches: Sheara Bailey, Paula Dorr, Bridget Fisher, James Malnati, Rob Mocarsky, Joanne Purdy, and Suzanne Winchester. Mallory

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# GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL



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Underhill assists Nan Parsons who coordinates the program activities.

The school will present its fifth Shakespeare production, "Macbeth" on February 20, 1997, under the able direction of Judy Filkins. Students in our fifth/sixth grade classrooms have an opportunity to tryout and participate in the production.

The Parent Teacher Group continues to be very active. Joanne Purdy is the new president of the organization. The "Books & Beyond" reading incentive program is flourishing under the direction of Lori Hawkins, Kathy Theophelakes, and Suzanne Winchester. By December of 1996, 75% of the students were participating in the program.

Parents and community members continue to support our Readers and Listeners program. These volunteers spend 30 to 40 minutes per week listening to our students read. These individuals provide our students more opportunities to practice reading. In addition we have two community members who volunteer time to support our mathematics program and a number of community members who volunteer in our library.

We continue to value our partnership with the Sugar River Savings Bank. The bank provides display space for art projects and supports our art program financially. Terry Beaulieu, our liaison with the bank, volunteers in our art classes as part of the bank's support of the school.

Our school community continues to grow which presents new challenges to all of us. I believe



Custodian Oliver Renehan was saluted by Grantham Village School students during their holiday concert in December. From left are Jenna Tomlinson, Kristian MacPherson, Shannon O'Brien, Ajay Patterson, and Jacolyn Hastings.

*Photo: Lucy Wells*

we can meet these challenges with the support of staff, parents, and community members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha A. Hunt ❧ Principal

## IDEA & PRESCHOOL ENTITLEMENT FUNDS: APPLICATION FOR GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

The IDEA entitlement and preschool funds are based on the actual number of special needs students in the districts. Based on an estimated grant of \$300 per special need student in Fiscal Year 1997, it is expected that Grantham will qualify for a total grant of \$8,100 in FY 98. These funds must be used to supplement our local expenditures. They cannot be used to reduce an amount spent by local funds in a prior fiscal year.

During the current fiscal year these funds were used to pay for such services as student

evaluations and related support services. Some of the funds are used to help us actively seek out, locate and evaluate children who may be eligible for special education services. Federal law requires that we do this. The specific manner in which we propose to spend these funds is outlined in a grant application which will be submitted in June of 1997.

Delivery of the services proposed is contingent upon the approval of the application and the actual receipt of funds.



# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Grantham, New Hampshire

February 4, 1997

The Grantham enrollment continues its pattern of growth. As of October 1, 1996, total enrollment had increased by 18 students over 1995-96. By January of 1997, enrollment was at 284, 22 students above last year. An additional 10 to 12 students are expected by 1997-98. The trend will continue for a number of years as smaller high school classes are replaced by larger elementary classes and people continue to move to this attractive community. A new elementary teacher is included in the 1997-98 budget in order to serve the increasing elementary enrollment.

As the secondary school population increases, tuition payments will grow as well. Like last year, the school board is estimating the tuition budget to accommodate 10 additional pupils. The Lebanon High School tuition rate will be lower in 1997-98 while the junior high rate will increase.

The larger number of tuition students, however, offsets the rate reduction and causes an increase of \$163,656 in the tuition accounts. Tuition represented 41% of the 1996-97 budget and jumps to 44% of the proposed budget for 1997-98.

It is clear Grantham is a growing community, and, at the current rate of growth, the enrollment will exceed 300 students before the year 2000.

The budget for 1997-98 shows an increase of \$219,755 or 10.6% higher than 1996-97, excluding separate warrant articles. The increase is \$283,755 or 13.7% if the \$14,000 for the Expendable Trust Fund and \$50,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund are added. The tax assessment increases by 11.9% without the separate articles and 15.1% including them.

Major causes of the proposed budget increase are tuition, about 75% of the total; increases in staff salaries and benefits, about 13%; addition of a new teacher, about 12%; and addition of the Capital Reserve Fund for a building expansion, about 19%.

These percentages are offset by reductions of more than 18% in areas such as equipment, building operating expenses, and insurances. The assessment to SAU #32 is also down slightly again in 1997-98.



Jamie Jarvis, 5th grade, is at work on a classroom social studies project.

Photo: Lucy Wells

It is clear the growth in Grantham will require attention to school facilities which, despite an addition only 2 years ago, are already becoming cramped. Fortunately, the Grantham Building Committee and School Board designed the recent addition so that three classrooms with support spaces could be added without major upgrade of core facilities and systems.

This wise planning will allow construction of any addition at the lowest possible cost and will enhance any construction timetable. It will also cre-

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



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ate the least disruption to school operations.

The School Board's recommendation that a Capital Reserve Fund be established reflects the desire to be prepared financially for the obvious future facilities needs. The Board will also study various alternatives which do not require building new facilities.

The projected tax impact is quite high again this year. Estimating a 2% growth in property valuation, the proposed budget for 1997-98, without separate warrant articles, would require an additional \$1.02 per thousand on the tax rate, about an 11% increase.

If the Expendable Trust amount (\$14,000) and the Building Capital Reserve Fund (\$50,000) are added, the tax assessment rises by an additional \$0.30 per thousand to about \$10.54, a 14.3% increase.

The Grantham School Board has worked hard to provide a budget recommendation which is sensitive to any increase in taxes yet provides the necessary funding to promote a strong educational program for the students. I urge your support of the board's proposal.

Last year, Grantham voters established a study committee to examine whether or not Grantham should withdraw from School Administrative Unit #32. The committee will report its results to voters at the March 4, 1997, meeting.

At the annual town and school district election on March 11, 1997, voters will be asked (via a petitioned article on the warrant) to decide whether or not to adopt the "official ballot" form of voting for all town and school issues. This system is allowed under RSA 40:13 and is often referred to as Senate Bill 2. Under this system of voting, the traditional "town meeting" form of government, when voters would both deliberate issues and

make decisions, is replaced by two voting sessions.

The first session in March is similar to the current form of town meeting. The voters who attend that session actually decide what will be voted on by ballot in April. Those who attend the first session vote on all warrant articles, including the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

All articles, whether submitted by the School Board or petitioned by the public, may be amended at the first session and all articles must be acted upon and submitted for a ballot vote in April. Articles may not be tabled or passed over.

With official ballot voting, a public information meeting is held before the ballot session but no changes may be made to any articles after they are voted at the first session. At the ballot voting session, the polls are open as in regular elections and absentee ballots are available.

The budget article, as amended or voted at the March session, includes a "second" budget called the "default" budget. The default budget is "...the

same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law..."

If the proposed budget is defeated in April, the default budget is approved as the budget for the next year, or the School Board has the option to call a special meeting and vote to propose an alternative budget. No other articles may be reconsidered at the special meeting. The special meeting and vote would be conducted in the same sequence as the first vote: a first session to vote on what will be voted by ballot; a public information session at which no changes

can be made; and a "yes" or "no" ballot vote on the budget article.

A number of towns and school districts have adopted the official ballot system. Lebanon will use

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



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the system for the first time in March and April of this year.

There are still a number of questions which will require answers. The legislature is working on several changes designed to address problems with the bill as originally passed.

To approve the official ballot system requires a 3/5 majority of those voting (by ballot) on this issue on March 11, 1997. The Grantham School District and the Town of Grantham will both hold public hearings on the advantages and disadvantages of using the official ballot system on February 11, 1997, at the Grantham Town Hall.

**T**he New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program (NHEIAP) provided the third year of state-wide testing results for 3rd graders. This year, results for our 6th and 10th graders were also available. Third graders are tested in Language Arts and Mathematics while 6th and 10th graders are tested in Science and Social Studies in addition to Language Arts and Mathematics.

The results of the testing are printed herein showing Grantham scores compared to State scores.

Up to this point in time, the assessment results were for different groups of children as a new group of 3rd graders was tested each year. In 1997, we will be able to compare the results for the same group of children since the 3rd graders who were tested in 1994 will be the 6th graders tested in 1997. This will allow comparisons of "growth" in addition to the "snapshots" of different groups.

This new dimension of our assessment should help us establish an important view of both program effectiveness and individual student progress for grades K - 6. It should also be particularly helpful to parents and teachers when conferring over the progress of individual students. Parents should review the letter they receive from the Commissioner of Education and discuss it with their child's teacher. The teacher will assist with the interpretation of the test and place the NH assessment results in context with other assessment results.

Parents can also use these results to organize and follow their child's progress through their

school years. Teachers in all grades, not just the ones tested, are responsible for student results and they will be able to respond to questions and show parents the progress being made by students toward achieving the high standards of the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks.

All staff members will use these results to help individual students improve in the areas tested as well as to analyze and align the basic curriculum.

One major goal, of course, is to move more and more students into the proficient and advanced categories. The results of these tests provide valuable information to guide instructional decision-making and to improve curriculum.

The New Hampshire Assessment Tests continue to be a major part of our assessment effort. Over time, these tests will help parents and teachers monitor and substantiate student learning.

The New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks have provided rich content for curriculum discussions over the last two years. Teachers at the Grantham School have been involved in a series of meetings to evaluate the alignment of the curriculum with the Frameworks.

The School Board has also been working to monitor the transition of Grantham students from elementary to junior high and high school. This monitoring has extended to a periodic review of the progress of Grantham students who are currently in high school. The effort to follow Grantham students' high school progress is part of the continuing effort to view our schools in terms of the results they achieve. Assessment of our results will continue as a priority.

**N**ew ideas and positive energy continue to move the Grantham School toward an exciting and successful educational future.

Congratulations to Principal Hunt and the entire staff for a job well done.

John D. Fontana  
Superintendent of Schools ❧ SAU #32

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



## NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSESSMENT TESTS

	Advanced %	Proficient %	Basic %	Novice %
<u>Grade 3</u>				
<i>Language Arts</i>				
State 1994	1	15	48	33
State 1995	3	26	44	22
State 1996	4	25	45	21
Grantham 1994	0	10	50	30
Grantham 1995	0	29	19	43
Grantham 1996	19	19	29	29
<i>Mathematics</i>				
State 1994	2	16	47	34
State 1995	9	24	42	22
State 1996	10	23	46	18
Grantham 1994	0	10	45	45
Grantham 1995	10	14	19	57
Grantham 1996	14	24	52	10
<u>Grade 6</u>				
<i>Language Arts</i>				
State 1996	1	15	38	42
Grantham 1996	0	14	55	32
<i>Mathematics</i>				
State 1996	1	11	27	59
Grantham 1996	0	18	32	50
<i>Science</i>				
State 1996	<1	9	20	69
Grantham 1996	0	14	32	55
<i>Social Studies</i>				
State 1996	4	8	32	53
Grantham 1996	0	14	45	41
<u>Grade 10</u>				
<i>Language Arts</i>				
State 1996	2	8	58	26
Lebanon HS 1996	4	20	32	20
<i>Mathematics</i>				
State 1996	6	17	27	45
Lebanon HS 1996	0	16	32	20
<i>Science</i>				
State 1996	2	19	23	48
Lebanon HS 1996	0	16	24	36
<i>Social Studies</i>				
State 1996	1	12	21	60
Lebanon HS 1996	0	12	12	52

# SAU #32 BUDGET



Includes salary recommendations and food services director

REVENUE AND ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION

1997-1998 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 32

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1995-1996	1995-1996	1996-1997	1996-1997	1996-1997	1997-1998	DOLLAR	PERCENT
BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	PROPOSED	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
Balance - Start	\$5,221	\$45,158	\$109,202	\$43,746	(\$1,412)		-3.1%
District Assessment	\$798,212	\$766,975	\$766,975	\$761,732	(\$5,243)		-0.7%
Interest	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0		0.0%
Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		0.0%
Other Income	\$12,500	\$9,576	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0		0.0%
TOTAL - Revenue	\$817,433	\$883,464	\$822,133	\$886,177	\$6,655		-0.8%
TOTAL - Expenditure	\$817,433	\$774,262	\$822,133	\$810,055	\$11,078		-0.8%
Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$32,376	\$32,376	\$0		na
Balance - End	\$0	\$109,202	\$32,376	\$76,122	\$32,376		na
ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION FORMULA							
1995	VALUATION	1995-1996	PUPILS	PUPIL	COMBINED	DISTRICT	
EQUALIZED	PERCENT			PERCENT	PERCENT	SHARE	
VALUATION							
GRANTHAM	\$229,971,534	22.08%	142	5.67%	13.87%	\$105,655	
LEBANON	\$712,579,947	68.40%	2079.5	82.96%	75.68%	\$576,494	
PLAINFIELD	\$99,184,206	9.52%	285.1	11.37%	10.45%	\$79,582	
TOTAL	\$1,041,735,687	100.00%	2506.6	100.00%	100.00%	\$761,732	
ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANGE							
1996-1997	1997-1998	DOLLAR	PERCENT	CHANGE			
		CHANGE					
GRANTHAM	\$107,101	\$105,655	(\$1,446)	-1.35%			
LEBANON	\$580,046	\$576,494	(\$3,552)	-0.61%			
PLAINFIELD	\$79,828	\$79,582	(\$246)	-0.31%			
TOTAL	\$766,975	\$761,732	(\$5,243)	-0.68%			

## TOWN BILLBOARD



### DOG OWNERS

REGISTER ALL DOGS OVER 3 MONTHS OF AGE BY APRIL 30TH.

- Rabies certificates are required for Dog Registration;
- Civil forfeiture for not obtaining a Dog License is a fine of \$25 (RSA 466:13);
- Owners are liable for dogs running at large;
- REGISTRATION FEES: \$6.50 if altered, \$9 if not altered.



### MAPS AVAILABLE

**\$1** Grantham Recreation Trail Maps are available at the Town Office, made available by the Conservation Commission with the Blue Mountain Snowdusters Snowmobile & Cross Country Ski Club.

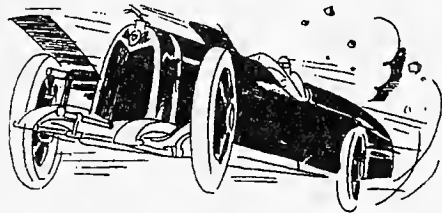
### GRANTHAM TOWN HISTORY

Reprinted copies of the Grantham Town History are available for \$12.50 from the Town Clerk during business hours. Historical Society members are working on the next stage of content for a supplementary version.

### VEHICLE OWNERS

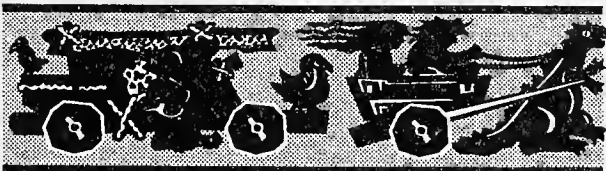
Vehicle owners must register their vehicles with the Town Clerk.

- To re-register, owners must bring in their old registrations.
- Renewals, decals, & transfers are available.



### CURRENT USE APPLICATION

New applicants for Current Use must fully complete a Current Use Application Form with a map showing clearly the land to be considered for current use, denoting use categories plotted. All applications and maps should be on file with the Select Board by April 15, 1997.



Get Ready for the next July 4th  
Grantham Old Home Day!  
ANYTIME is good  
FLOAT PLANNING TIME!

# NEED ASSISTANCE?



## GUIDE TO WHO'S WHO & WHO DOES WHAT

### TOWN CLERK

**TELEPHONE: 863-5608**



Mon. & Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Tues. 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Wed. 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.


NO FRIDAY HOURS

See the TOWN CLERK for:

-  Motor Vehicle Registrations •
-  Dog Licenses •
-  Marriage Licenses •
-  Birth Certificates •
-  Death Certificates •
- ★ Voter Registration •
-  Wetlands Applications •  
(See note below)
-  Election Processes •  
(Town, State, & Presidential)
-  Dump Stickers •
- ? Research & General Information •

During Town Clerk's Hours  
See the TAX COLLECTOR for:

-  Tax Payments •
-  Inquiries of Taxes •

 **WETLANDS:** When operating near wetlands or waterways, a Dredge & Fill Application must be filed with the Town Clerk to avoid a fine under RSA 483-A.

### SELECTMEN'S

### OFFICE

**TELEPHONE: 863-6021**

Tues. - Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

NO MONDAY HOURS

See the SECRETARY for:

- Building Permits 
- Driveway Permits 
- Sign Permits 
- Assessors Cards 
- Zoning & Planning Board Applications 
- Intents to Cut   
(Logging & Timbering)
- State Statutes 
- Rental: Town Hall & Gymnasium 
- Dump Stickers 
- Commercial & Demolition Stickers 
- Hauling Permits 
- Minutes of Meetings 
- Town Bids 

Please understand, though we share space, in many cases conflict of interest does not permit employees in these two areas of responsibility, TOWN CLERK & BOARD of SELECTMEN, to assist in one another's record-keeping.



Ty. L. Barker, Manager.

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## REPORTS

—OF THE—

## SELECTMEN

—AND OTHER—

# Town Officers

—OF—

GRANTHAM, N. H., 1897

—FOR THE YEAR—

ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

—1897—

J. MADISON HOWE, PRINTER,

GRANTHAM, N. H.





J. M. Howë, school money	\$525. 00
“ school supplies	23. 00
American book Co.,	31. 84
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	\$579. 84

## DOG DAMAGE,

Paid Geo. B. Barton, damage to fowls \$10. 00

## LABOR and MATERIAL on HIGHWAYS.

Paid James B. Green, road agent \$263. 84  
 J. M. Hastings, " 322. 77  
 Edwin Howard, " 104. 82

\$691. 43

## MISCELLANEOUS BILL.

Paid E. G. Eastman, expenses and clerk entry  
 fee on highway \$7. 70  
 J. M. Howe, library books, 1895 17. 25  
 F. P. Fisher, return of births and deaths 1895 .50  
 J. M. Howe, printing town reports 19. 00  
 R. W. Thornburg, damage on road 8. 00  
 Repairs on Dunbar Hill school-house 29. 50  
 Recording deeds .66  
 6 check lists .50  
 Dog license blanks 1. 11  
 H. F. Kimball, care of hearse 3. 00  
 A. M. Walker, library books 19. 80  
 M. V. B. Hastings, keeping tramps 1. 00  
 W. H. Howard, " 2. 00  
 " tax book, postage and stationery 2. 75  
 " making gate on town line 1. 50  
 W. H. Miller, preambing town line .50  
 Perley Walker, " 2. 00  
 Ira B. Walker, oil for library .83

\$117. 60

## USE OF WATERING TROUGH.

Paid W. H. Miller, \$2. 50  
 O. F. Buswell, 2. 50  
 Warren Emerson, 2. 50  
 Joab Walker, 2. 00  
 J. C. Crooker, 2. 50  
 M. P. Burpee, 2. 00

\$14. 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid H. F. Kimball, services as supervisor \$5. 00  
 H. G. Hastings, " 5. 00  
 Clara B. Howe, services on school board 10. 00  
 J. M. Howe, " 10. 00  
 Rosina K. Perkins, " 5. 00  
 J. M. Howe, school treasurer 5. 00  
 J. M. Howe, librarian 14. 70  
 W. H. Howard, selectman & overseer of poor 35. 00  
 Perley Walker, " 20. 00  
 M. V. B. Hastings, " 15. 00  
 M. H. Perkins, tax collector 35. 00  
 G. H. Walker, town clerk 10. 00  
 " town treasurer 15. 00  
 I. S. Brown, auditor 1. 00  
 A. L. Shedd, " 1. 00

\$186. 70

## SUPPORT OF POOR, COUNTY CHARGES.

Paid Carlton Hurd, medicine for N. C. Thornton \$ .85  
 J. L. Cain, medical att'nce " 12. 50  
 H. L. Stickney, " " 4. 70  
 Ira B. Walker, goods " 1. 60

Paid W. H. Howard, conveying Thornton children to county farm	\$7. 00
G. H. Walker, goods for N. C. Thornton family	158. 23
G. A. Fairbanks, "	6. 99
E. M. Hunton, "	5. 15
Benjamin Young, board of Alvin Young	30. 25
Perley Walker, hay for J. H. Lovering	3. 00
G. H. Walker, goods	22. 02
" " Maud Turner	5. 00
" " J. Osier	2. 00
" " E. A. Griffin	15. 42
Mrs. Sylvester Hastings, work	6. 00

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\$280. 71

## TOWN CHARGES.

Paid John Loverin, support O. Heath	\$26. 35
C. E. Gray, "	12. 50
H. F. Kimball, "	28. 50
J. L. Cain, medicine	2. 00
G. H. Walker, clothing and medicine O. Heath	7. 84
W. H. Howard, carrying Mrs. Munroe to c farm	3. 00
" " express on trunk	. 50

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\$80. 69

## PAID ON NOTES.

Paid Methodist society,	\$3. 00
David E. Ryder,	191. 90
M. S. Barton,	70. 70

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\$265. 60

G. H. Walker, interest on church fund

\$1. 20

## SUPPORT OF JAMES BARTON.

Paid Moulton & Roberts, groceries	\$ 1. 78
Geo. H. Walker, "	68. 63
James Barton, cash	18. 00
I. N. Fowler, medical attendance	2. 00
Edwin Howard, chopping wood	2. 00
" " beef	3. 72
M. V. B. Hastings, mending fence	1. 00
" " drawing wood	2. 50
Smith Bros. shingles and work	5. 05
W. H. Howard, labor and nails	2. 65
Perley Walker, phosphate and work	4. 45

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\$111. 78

## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received,	\$3,099. 60
Paid County tax	429. 48
State tax	330. 00
Schools	579. 84
Dog damage	10. 00
Labor and material on highway	691. 43
Miscellaneous bills	117. 60
Use of watering troughs	14. 00
Town officers	186. 70
Support of poor	361. 40
Support James Barton	111. 78
Paid on notes	265. 60
Paid interest on school fund	1. 20

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Whole amount paid out \$3,099. 03

Balance in my hands as treasurer

\$ . 57

GEORGE H. WALKER, Treasurer.

# Road Agents' Report.

Paid F. W. Corliss,	\$27. 64
Howard & Stockwell, lumber	30. 15
Isaac Reney, lumber and work	27. 15
Jerome J. Gault, "	31. 62
Beri E. Tobine,	6. 00
Almon H. Church,	2. 50
Almon G. Coon,	3. 00
Carlos Spooner,	13. 50
George E. Bond,	6. 00
John W. Sherman,	1. 25
Willard Sherman,	5. 00
E. W. Shafnor,	1. 25
James B. Green,	90. 15
M. P. Burpee, lumber	10. 93
Total,	\$256. 14

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid James B. Green,	\$4. 20
Henry P. Howe,	1. 00
D. H. Currier,	2. 50
Total,	\$7. 70

## JAMES B. GREEN, Road Agent.

### LABOR and MATERIAL on HIGHWAYS.

Paid I. S. Brown,	\$10. 95
S. R. Smith,	12. 00
E. M. Smith,	12. 50
John H. Merrill,	21. 16

George H. Hastings,	\$8. 12
Frank Hastings,	10. 00
Edwin Howard,	24. 00
H. G. Walker,	25. 80
Charles Hastings,	6. 25
John Alexander,	2. 50
F. C. Leavitt,	4. 50
M. V. B. Hastings,	9. 00
Wilbur Leavitt,	15. 19
Lewis Gregory,	1. 50
Carl Howe,	1. 25
J. M. Hastings,	71. 05
Wallace Blanchard,	23. 12
Frank W. Leavitt, plank	5. 21
J. M. Hastings, "	8. 77
E. L. Dion, repairing road machine	1. 50
W. H. Miller,	. 30
George Tyler & Co., section	4. 00
C. M. Hildreth & Son, akron pipe	7. 60
	\$286. 27

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid John Alexander, 1896	\$5. 50
M. V. B. Hastings,	3. 55
Wilbur Leavitt,	. 95
Lewis Gregory,	6. 60
J. M. Hastings,	10. 80
I. S. Brown,	6. 00
Orin P. Walker,	3. 00
W. H. Miller,	1. 60
J. M. Hastings, 1897	2. 40
L. A. B. Smith,	. 70

W. H. Miller,

. 40

JAMES M. HASTINGS, Road Agent.

## LABOR and MATERIAL on HIGHWAYS

Paid James M. Hastings,	\$13.00
M. H. Perkins, work	3. 50
Reuben Russell, "	1. 25
Perley Walker, "	3. 65
Geo. H. Walker, "	9. 87
D. A. Thornton, "	2. 25
John Sherman, "	1. 50
Harry G. Walker, "	7. 50
Willard Sherman, "	7. 00
W. H. Howard, "	4. 60
Edwin Howard, " and material	39. 45
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	\$93. 57

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Orrin Walker, work 1896	\$1. 80
Edwin Howard, " "	7. 45
" "	1. 20
Orrin Walker, "	. 80
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	\$11. 25

EDWIN HOWARD, Road Agent.

## Selectmens' Report.

Taxes assessed April 1896	\$2,539. 00
ASSETS.	
Taxes due on 1893 book O. F. Buswell, collector	\$49. 50
" " 1894 book J. C. Crooker, "	150. 16
" " 1895 book M. H. Perkins, "	366. 30
" " 1896 book " "	690. 00
In hands of treasurer,	. 57
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Total,	\$1,256. 53
Received for bounty on hawks	5. 50
Paid bounty on hawks	5. 50
LIABILITIES.	
DUE ON NOTES.	
Methodist society,	\$100. 00
M. S. Barton,	743. 00
D. E. Ryder,	330. 00
Mary J. Ryder,	704. 63
Edwin Howard,	260. 07
School fund,	200. 00
Church "	40. 00
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Total,	\$2,377. 70
Liabilities February 15, 1896	\$2,573. 36
" " " 1897	\$2,377. 70
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	\$195. 66

# School Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

**The following report we would respectfully submit:**

There has been four schools taught in our school district the past year. In the early part of our school year, we decided to maintain three different terms of school, at the Village, North Grantham and Dunbar Hill, making in all an aggregate of twenty-four weeks each; and by closing the smaller school on Howe Hill, and assigning its scholars to the nearest division convenient for them, we could give to all scholars better school advantages; however at the close of our school year, we secured the services of Miss Tupper of Enfield, who taught a very successful term of twelve weeks, on Howe Hill. The Dunbar Hill division, on account of sickness on part of teacher, closed its school after twenty weeks of successful labor by Miss Huntoon; while the school at North Grantham had twenty-four weeks of school, taught by Miss Sawyer, and was very satisfactory to both school board and parents.

To speak in general terms of the work accomplished, we can say there is a decided advancement on the part of nearly all the scholars, while there is room for still greater improvement.

We have aimed to choose some of our teachers from those that have acquired a normal training, believing they were acquainted with the better methods of teaching, now in use throughout the state; we do not mean to be understood as saying, that some normal school teachers are not a failure in the school-room, for that would be ranking above natural ability; but other things being equal the teacher that has been instructed in the best methods, and has received the most thorough training, will excel in school work.

We have occasion to note the misplaced teacher, negligent parent and truant child, and, as always occurs, they have marred the discipline, and retarded the prosperity of the school with which they were connected.

We would heartily recommend the visiting of your schools, by parents and friends of education, at the beginning and close of each term, that you may better note the progress and efficiency of both scholars and teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA B. HOWE,  
ROSINA K. PERKINS,  
JAMES M. HOWE,

} School Board of  
Grantham.

# Treasurer's Report.

## Perfect Attendance.

### For one term.

Clarence T. Currier.	Leroy N. Hastings.
George L. Saunders.	Harry W. Leavitt.
Herbert G. Leavitt.	Wallace Leavitt.
Basil Hastings.	Georgie W. Hastings.
Elmer E. Tyrell.	Rotha Tobine.
Richard Tobine.	Bernice Spooner.
Converse Currier.	Arthur Reney.
Maggie M. Barton.	Willard P. Walker.
	Chester G. Walker.

### For two terms.

Harold Carr.	Carl A. Pinney.
Bernice M. Howc.	Edith Spooner.
Ella M. Thornton.	Richard Howard.
Elwin J. Kimball.	Wilbur L. Shedd.
Lula M. Shedd.	Gertrude M. Walker.
Zelma J. Walker.	Phylanie D. Perkins.
Laura B. Hastings.	Nina E. Hastings.
	William B. Leavitt.

### For three terms.

Josie M. Kimball.	Josephine Thornton.
Fred J. Shedd.	Gladys M. Hastings.
Willis L. Hastings.	Helen A. Leavitt.

## FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of year,	\$ 11. 33
Received from town treasurer,	525. 00
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	\$536. 33

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Loyal Barton, left out last year,	\$ 2. 00
Ella H. Corliss, cleaning school-house,	1. 00
Isaac Reney Jr., cutting wood, etc.,	1. 27
Gladys Howe, cleaning school-house,	1. 00
H. L. Howland, ink,	1. 50
Reed & Buswell, wood,	1. 00
Isaac Reney, wood, etc.,	7. 65
J. M. Howe, conveying teachers, Stationery, etc.,	5. 60
Grace E. Preble, teaching,	40. 00
Georgia Huntoon,	31. 50
Bertha Sawyer,	36. 00
Georgia Huntoon.	38. 50
Bertha Whitaker,	75. 00
Bertha Sawyer,	67. 50
Jessie Tupper,	36. 75
Rosina K. Perkins, board, etc.,	40. 12
Mrs. G. H. Hastings,	38. 00
B. A. Sargent,	43. 50
M. J. Ryder,	20. 00
G. H. Walker, supplies,	. 85
John Sherman, wood,	2. 00
Clarence Barton, conveying scholars,	10. 50



Allen Pinney, repairs,	1. 00
Mrs. C. B. Howe. supplies,	1. 00
Philip Sherman, building fire,	1. 25
Willie B. Leavitt,       "	1. 00
Ralph Howard,       "	1. 35
E. L. Dion, fixing stove,	. 45
G. H. Walker, bal. on repairs,	4. 35
"       conveying teacher,	. 50
J. M. Howe, postage, etc.,	. 78
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Whole amount received	\$512. 92
Whole amount paid out	*\$526. 33
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Remaining in my hands,	\$13. 41

#### FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received of town treasure	\$ 33. 00
"       for books sold	1. 62
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	\$ 34. 62

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	\$ 1. 08
American Book Co.,	3. 65
R. W. Musgrove	. 20
J. L. Becrs & Co.,	10. 00
Ex. on books	. 60
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	. 71
Mrs. C. B. Howe	1. 00
G. H. Walker, Ex. and pencils	. 79
F. E. Lovell	1. 60

\*Money received for Schools should be \$515. 00, instead of \$525. 00 as stated in my school account.

Paid G. H. Walker, crayons	. 15
American book Co.,	8. 27
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	2. 48
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	3. 40
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Whole amount received	\$33. 93
Whole amount paid out	34. 62
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Remaining in my hands	\$ . 69

JAMES M. HOWE. Treasurer.

# Library Report.

Whole number of books loaned from Feb. 15, 1896  
to Feb. 15, 1897,

Money reported last year

Money taken for fines, 1.37

**Paid express on books,**

G. H. Walker,

postage,

for bottle of ink,

express on book,

catalogue leaf,

Paid over to treasurer,

**New books added this year**

JAMES M. HOWE, Librarian.

## TREASURERS' REPORT.

Received of town treasurer,

Received of librarian,

Paid DeWolfe, Fisk & Co.,

freight on books,

postage,

Balance in treasury March 5, 1897.

ADA M. WALKER, Treasurer.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS:

**of Grantham, for year Ending Feb. 1897.**

Schools.		Term—1 Sum, 2 Fall, 3 Winter.	
1	Grace E. Preble.	825	902
2	Bertin A. Whitaker.	829	903
3	Bertin E. Sawyer.	821	895
4	"	821	895
5	"	821	895
6	Georgin E. Huntoon.	818	892
7	"	817	891
8	"	812	886
9	Jessie C. Tupper.	812	886
10		805	879
11		794	868
12		784	858
13		774	848
14		764	838
15		754	828
16		744	818
17		734	808
18		724	798
19		714	788
20		704	778
21		694	768
22		684	758
23		674	748
24		664	738
25		654	728
26		644	718
27		634	708
28		624	698
29		614	688
30		604	678
31		594	668
32		584	658
33		574	648
34		564	638
35		554	628
36		544	618
37		534	608
38		524	598
39		514	588
40		504	578
41		494	568
42		484	558
43		474	548
44		464	538
45		454	528
46		444	518
47		434	508
48		424	498
49		414	488
50		404	478
51		394	468
52		384	458
53		374	448
54		364	438
55		354	428
56		344	418
57		334	408
58		324	398
59		314	388
60		304	378
61		294	368
62		284	358
63		274	348
64		264	338
65		254	328
66		244	318
67		234	308
68		224	298
69		214	288
70		204	278
71		194	268
72		184	258
73		174	248
74		164	238
75		154	228
76		144	218
77		134	208
78		124	198
79		114	188
80		104	178
81		94	168
82		84	158
83		74	148
84		64	138
85		54	128
86		44	118
87		34	108
88		24	98
89		14	88
90		4	78
91			68
92			58
93			48
94			38
95			28
96			18
97			8
98			
99			
100			

\*V. Village, N. No. Grantham, D. Dunbar Hill, H. Howe Hill. No. reported by Truant Officer Boys 50, Girls 35. None between 14 and 21 who cannot read or write. None between 5 and 16 who have not attended school.

## MEMORANDUM OF TOWN PROPERTY.

- 1 road machine.
- 2 iron scrapers.
- 1 road machine shed.
- 1 hearse.
- 1 hearse house.

Interest in James Barton farm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. HOWARD, } Selectmen  
 PERLEY WALKER, } —of—  
 M. V. B. HASTINGS, } Grantham.

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, treasurer and road agents and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ALBERT I. SHEDD, }  
 IMILA S. BROWN, } Auditors.

Grantham, N. H., February 22, 1897.

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# SCHOOL REPORT,

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# VITAL STATISTICS.

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### SCHOOL MONEY.

Required by law  
Literary  
Interest on school fund  
Dog license  
Received on leases  
In hands of town

\$330. 00  
59. 50  
6. 00  
46. 40  
31. 09  
82. 76

Total,

\$555. 75

School orders drawn

\$525. 00

Due school district

\$30. 75

Due on leases

\$127. 00

### ABATEMENTS.

R. A. Bowers, 1888 book

\$4. 23

D. C. Currier,

2. 67

S. R. Smith,

6. 54

Carlos Spooner,

1. 71

C. S. Bean, 1889 book

1. 98

C. O. Barton,

4. 98

S. G. Colby,

5. 69

Betsy Church,

1. 72

D. C. Currier,

1. 62

~~George Colburn,~~ *Parck*

~~6. 77~~

Benjamin Young,

2. 31

R. S. Harlow,

1. 95

J. H. Loverin,

1. 62

Mary A. Loverin,

5. 69

Abram Merrill,

4. 67

P. M. Saunders,

1. 62

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Arthur Spiller,

\$6. 40

H. J. Walker, over tax

2. 70

A. D. Wilmarth,

4. 07

C. D. Young,

3. 67

O. F. Buswell, 1894 book over tax

20. 00

N. C. Thornton,

3. 31

Reuben Russell,

5. 63

E. A. Griffin,

2. 51

James Barton, 1895 book

11. 79

S. E. Bickford,

2. 22

Eliza A. Colby,

5. 55

Fred Cook,

4. 00

E. A. Griffin,

2. 22

Mary Hastings,

4. 86

Ira Kimball,

2. 22

Mary A. Loverin,

6. 66

J. H. Loverin,

2. 62

Joab Walker,

9. 66

Total,

\$155. 26

# BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Grantham, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name of Child (If any.)	Sex.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child.	Name of Father.	Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Children born.
Feb. 5	Twins	M	Living	1	Elbridge Smith	Mary V. Carrier	White	N. Grantham	Farmer	Grantham	Grantham	24 21
Apr. 14	Esther M.	F	"	2	Fred W. Corliss	Carrie B. Boyce	White	"	Laborer	Croydon	Springfield	22 22
Apr. 19	Lessey May	F	"	2	Charles E. Gray	Flor. E. Hutchings	White	"	"	Lebanon	Thetford, Vt	23 20
Apr. 20		M	"	1	Arthur K. Lohselle	Maud L. Nichols	White	"	"	Grantham	Enfield	23 20
June 15		M	"	1	Oscar D. Lohselle	Mary M. Corliss	White	"	Engineer	Keene	Grantham	24 17
Aug. 11	George Keith	M	"	4	Josiah G. Thompson	Anna M. Hawley	White	N. Grantham	Laborer	W. Lebanon	Grantham	24 21
Aug. 11	Vera May	F	"	1	Hubert C. Griffin	Anna E. Rhyol	White	Grantham	Carpenter	Lawrence Ma	Halfax, N. S.	23 12
Sep. 22	Hellem M.	F	"	1	Reuben Russell	Ada L. Hall	White	"	Farmer	Higdon, Vt	W. Melway	23 12
Oct. 1		M	"	5	Edwin A. Griffin	Edith F. Munroe	White	N. Grantham	Carpenter	Lowell, Mass	Croydon	24 12
Oct. 4		F	"	3	Edwin W. Shafnor	Jennie M. Parwell	White	Grantham	"	Grafton, N. S.	Newport	24 12
Oct. 26		M	"	1	Benjamin Pillsbury	Mabel Hastings	White	"	Laborer	Springfield	Grantham	24 12
Nov. 4		M	"	2	Guy H. Buswell	Carrie Hanford	White	N. Grantham	"	Grantham	N. Hampton	24 12
Nov. 10		F	Stillborn	2	Edward L. Dion	Amy E. Dion	White	"	Miller	Manchester	Springfield	24 12

# MARRIAGES

Registered in the town of Grantham, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of Each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	No. of Mar.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Jan. 1	Meredith	Guy H. Buswell	Grantham	24	White	Miller	Grantham	(Oscar F. Buswell Mary M. Leavitt Arab R. Hanford Carroll M. Ward Merrill J. Hastings Julia Newell Horse F. Kimball Flora M. Kimball Rufus Hall Francina D. Smith George E. Blossom Emily A. Foster	Grantham " N. Hampton Lebanon Grantham " Enfield Grantham Springfield	Farmer Housewife Farmer Housewife Farmer Farmer Housewife Farmer Housewife Deceased Housekeeper	1	Rev. Geo. A. Tyrell
Feb. 13	Grantham	Carrie M. Hanford	N. Hampton	23	White	School teach'r	N. Hampton				1	No. Grantham
		Ora C. Hastings	N. Grantham	25	White	Farmer	Grantham				1	Rev. D. E. Burns
		Emma L. Kimball	Grantham	16	White	Housekeeper	Saanpee				1	Grantham
June 23	Grantham	Leon A. Hall	"	27	White	Clerk	Grantham				1	
		Jessie May Blossom	Rutland Vt.	18	White	Housekeeper	Rutland Vt.				1	

# DEATHS

Registered in the town of Grantham, N. H., for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Mar., or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.									
Mar. 20	Grantham	Daniel E. Smith	84			Croydon	M	W		Peddler	Croydon	Springfield	John Barton	
Oct. 23	"	Kimball D. Barton	75	8	17	Grantham	M	W		Farmer	Grantham	New Hamp'n	Guy H. Buswell	
Nov. 4	"	Infant				"	M	W			Manchester	Springfield	Edwin L. Dion	Carrie M. Hanaford
Nov. 10	"	Infant				"	F	W			Goffstown	Goffstown	Charles Hart	Amy E. Heath
Dec. 1	"	Mrs. Mary Hastings	79	5	22	"	F	W		Housekeeper	Goffstown	Goffstown	Charles Hart	Sarah Kidder

I hereby certify that the above records are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

George H. Walker, Town Clerk

## SARGENT & FULTON, SUNAPEE, N. H. Manufacturers of Maple Sugar Supplies.

Heavy Tin Evaporators at Reasonable Prices. 10 qt. Tin Buckets, from 1 lb. to 1 lb. each. 1 gal. (full measure) square Syrup Cans, \$9.00 per hundred. 10 lb. Sugar Pails, "MAPLE SUGAR" stamped in cover, \$8.00. Sap Spouts, Hooks and all Supplies.

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## **1996 ANNUAL REPORT**







### **GRANTHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

**TUESDAY  MARCH 4, 1997  7 P.M.**  
**GRANTHAM MUNICIPAL BUILDING (GYMNASIUM)**  
**ARTICLES I - VIII**

### **GRANTHAM TOWN MEETING**

**TUESDAY  MARCH 11, 1997  10 A.M.**  
**GRANTHAM MUNICIPAL BUILDING (GYMNASIUM)**  
**ARTICLES 1 - 34  POLLS OPEN 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.**

### **VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EASTMAN ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY  MARCH 22, 1997  10 A.M.**  
**THE CENTER  EASTMAN**  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS  POLLS OPEN 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.**  
**BUSINESS MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.**



## **MY QUILT SQUARE**



***By Fernando Rivera  Mrs. Buckman's Class***

My class was working on a quilt and we are writing about it.

Our quilt is so pretty. Our class was working on Grantham for our quilt pieces. My quilt piece is a loon. The quilt has pretty fabric with apples on it.

Each quilt piece tells about

Grantham. There are lots of quilt pieces, like the library and Grantham Lake. One has the outline of old Grantham.

We used something to make the color on the quilt pieces. We drew the pictures and ironed them on the fabric quilt pieces.